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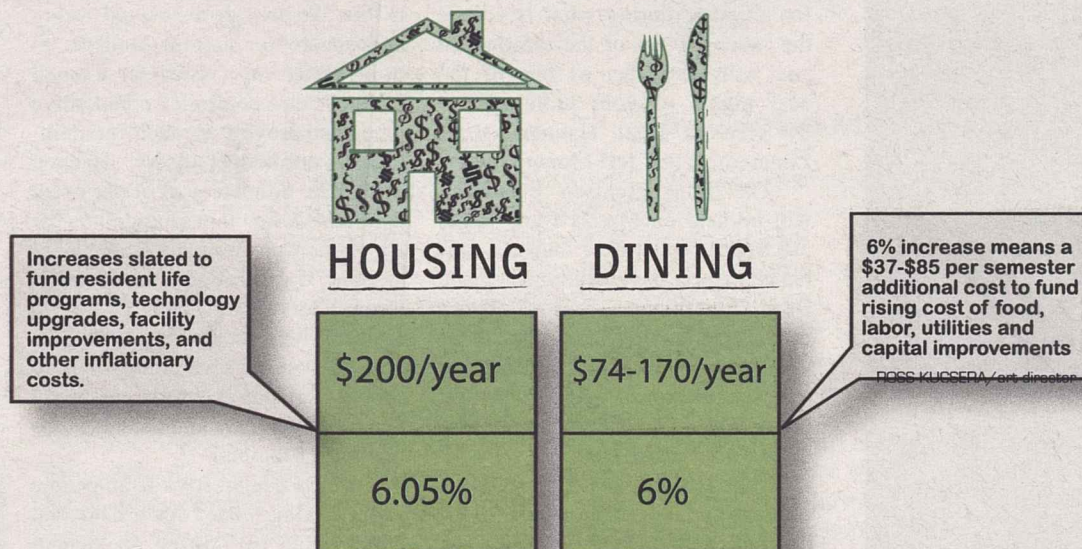
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## Fees to rise in the fall

Room and board rates increase for students.



Board of Trustees approved fee increases will mean an average room and board increase of \$261.

LOUISE GOODMAN  
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 7, the Clemson University's Board of Trustees' decision passed an increase in housing and meal plan fees to improve living conditions, as well as meet the inflation costs of material and labor.

The housing increase will be approximately 6.05 percent, which averages to be approximately an additional \$200 a year, depending on where a student chooses to live. Executive Director of Housing Doug Hallenbeck explained that the rate increases will go to resident life programs, technology upgrades, living learning programs, facility improvements and to cover inflationary costs. Hallenbeck also explained that these rate increases would also further the goal to make the best on campus living experience for students.

The Board of Trustees also approved a rate increase on all campus meal plans. The 6 percent increase will mean between \$37 and \$85 a semester, depending on which meal plan a student purchases.

These approved increases for average room and board costs will go up an additional \$261.

This room and board rate increase does not come unexpectedly, over the past five years Clemson University has seen a continuous increase in tuition costs.

Room and board prices increased \$94 from the Fall 2005 to the Fall 2006 semester. In Fall 2007, room and board costs went up an additional \$296. Although the approved rate increases will mean more expenses for students, the increase is not higher than that of last year.

Additional information on rising tuition and living costs can be found on the Board of Trustees Web page, under Fiscal Affairs at [www.clemson.edu/administration/bot](http://www.clemson.edu/administration/bot).

The Board of Trustees also approved the Clemson University Inquiry in Motion Institute. The new addition to Clemson will be a master's degree program in industrial engineering. The program will specialize in supply chain and logistics studies.

The Quarterly Spring Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 17, and it will be held in the Madren Conference Center.

## Festival celebrates reading

Weekend event brings 20 poets and fiction writers to campus.

WHITTNEY FARROW  
STAFF WRITER

Starting Thursday, March 6, through Saturday, March 8, Clemson University is having its first annual Literary Festival.

The festival is free, open to the public and sponsored by The Greenville News, Clemson University and the City of Clemson.

The festival is being organized by a group of Clemson English students.

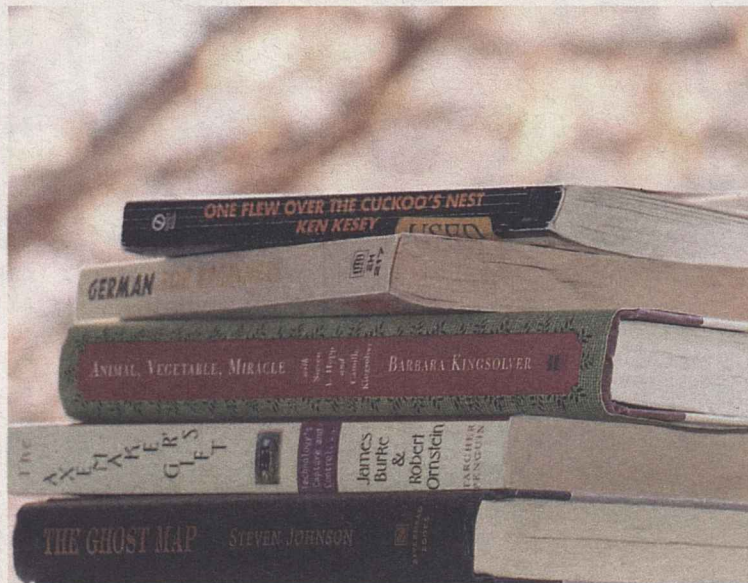
Their group is headed up by Dr. Michelle Martin, Dr. Keith Morris and Dr. Wayne Chapman. Students on campus who have a passion for literature are really looking forward to the events.

Over 20 poets and fiction writers will be attending.

They will be holding readings and panel discussions in the Strom Thurmond Institute on Thursday, March 6.

Most notable is the anticipated reading from Dave Eggers.

He is a highly esteemed author, educator and publisher. His book, "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius," was very popular and made him a finalist for the



The Festival will feature activities for those of all ages, as well as readings and panel discussions.

Pulitzer Prize in the year 2001.

His most recent book is titled "What Is the What" and has been causing buzz in the literary community. Eggers will be reading in the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The Clemson Literary Festival is celebrating the 40th Anniversary of The South Carolina Review and

will be getting more than just students involved. Saturday, March 8, is Family Day at the Clemson Arts center.

The events and activities will target children ages four to 11 and young adults ages 12 to 18. For the younger set there will be a Read-A-Rama. In addition to this, they

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## Ethics team wins

Students take home top prize at nationals.

COHEN SIMPSON  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Clemson University Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl team emerged victorious at the 14th annual national competition, taking home top honors.

The tournament matched up 32 teams from across the country, with each earning their way to San Antonio, Texas, the site of contest, by outperforming more than 100 other colleges and universities in regional competition.

Clemson won by defeating finalist Wright State University in the championship round and Westminster College in a semifinal round.

The triumph at nationals was "the culmination of a lot of hard work," said Charles Starkey, ethics bowl team coach and a fellow at the Rutland Institute of Ethics. "The students did a great job, and their performance reflects the time and effort spent."

For the national competition each team receives 15 case studies prior to the competition.

Each case study involves an ethical dilemma on which the team must develop a position.

In preparing the case, they apply relevant ethical theories and do research that allows them to incorporate a host of relevant information such as legal principles, scientific facts and sociological observations that pertain to the case.

In each round of competition, two teams face off, responding, in turn, to a case-specific question over the course of 10 minutes.

The other team offers a five-minute critique to which the presenting team responds.

This response is followed by 10 minutes of questioning by a three-judge panel.

The roles of the teams are reversed for the second half of the round, which deals with a different case.

The judges evaluate each team's performance for clarity, its focus on ethically relevant factors, the strength and cogency of the arguments and deliberative thoughtfulness.

Sponsored by the Rutland Institute for Ethics and the Department of Philosophy & Religion, the team strives to encourage discussion about ethical issues and to nurture an ethical environment.

Through the development of positions on difficult ethical issues, the team serves as a model for reflective, responsible thinking about complex topics.

According to Starkey, this is important because "people or groups - especially in an election year such as this year - are continually trying to persuade with slogans, pressuring people to join the bandwagon and sell people ideas with tactics that resemble those of a used car salesperson."

"It's our responsibility as individuals to look beyond the slogans, posturing and pressure and take a good critical look at the merits of each position," said Starkey.

"From this we can develop informed, responsible, well-grounded beliefs."

The team consists of Matt McAlister, Philippa Lieber, Rahul Loungani, Alyssa

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# Drinkers unite for cause

Money raised from drinking beer goes to charity.

JENNIFER SALANE  
STAFF WRITER

Clemson Beer Cup. Who would have ever imagined these three words being used at the same time, in the same phrase, with legitimate reason?

For some students, Clemson Beer Cup means a reason to drink for a cause, during what is coined the "social event of the season that you will remember as one of the best nights of your college life" by creators Matt Hannon, Brett Zimmerman and Jeff Morano.

The 2008 Clemson Beer Cup will be held on March 8 and is the 3rd Semi-Annual Beer Cup championship since its evolution. Clemson Beer Cup includes various games and attractions to entertain those who attend. With the purchase of a ticket, attendees get beer drinks, liquor drinks, Monster Energy drinks, mini-bottles and a band.

Matt Hannon, a junior studying accounting and creator and event coordinator for Clemson Beer Cup, said that developing Clemson Beer Cup was not easy.

Hannon was subject to scrutiny and doubted by friends who did not think he could make it happen.

He was also presented with lawsuits for promoting alcoholism.

"It all started from a small house party that a group of close friends threw over the summer," Hannon said. "Each team of four people were represented by the name of a country, and then competed in a variety of 'drinking games'."

Each Beer Cup team consists of seven people. Teams can take part in events including Chug-a-Mug (1 team member), Turbo Quarters (1 team member), Beer Pong (2

team members), Line Chug (3 team members) and Flip Cup (all 7 team members).

Rules for each game are presented at the time of the event.

Since the beginning, the event has been based on the business and marketing plans of Hannon, Zimmerman and Morano.

"The basis of everything we do is this: We provide a safe and secure atmosphere for college students to drink under supervision for a small fee, provide a controlled competitive mood and provide as much entertainment as our budget allows," Hannon said. "The ultimate goal of our event is to raise a few thousand dollars for a local non-profit organization."

One organization that Clemson Beer Cup raises money for is Joshua's Way, located in Greer, S.C. The purpose of their ministry is to spread Christianity around the world by building houses and churches primarily in Ethiopia.

"I have caught flack from people about raising money for a Christian organization by hosting an alcohol based social event," Hannon said. "The reason behind that is I am capitalizing on a marketing and promotions pitch by giving this area (a college town) what it wants."

"College kids want cheap entertainment, a safe place to consume alcohol and a surefire way to get home by a sober driver."

What Hannon started as an invite-only event grew into a public event for anyone to take part in. "My dream is to make Beer Cup a national event that incorporates all major college towns," Hannon said. "The mother of all drinking events will be held in a neutral spot to determine 'The Ultimate Beer Cup Champions', but most importantly, to raise a surpris-

ing amount of money to give away."

First place winners receive a bottle of liquor and a free beer cup champions T-shirt. Second and third place winners receive a team prize that is announced at the time of the event. There is no experience necessary to register to play.

The event is set up as a single-elimination tournament where each game played has its own bracket, each round is allocated a certain number of points and the team with the most accumulated points after all events are completed wins, according to Hannon.

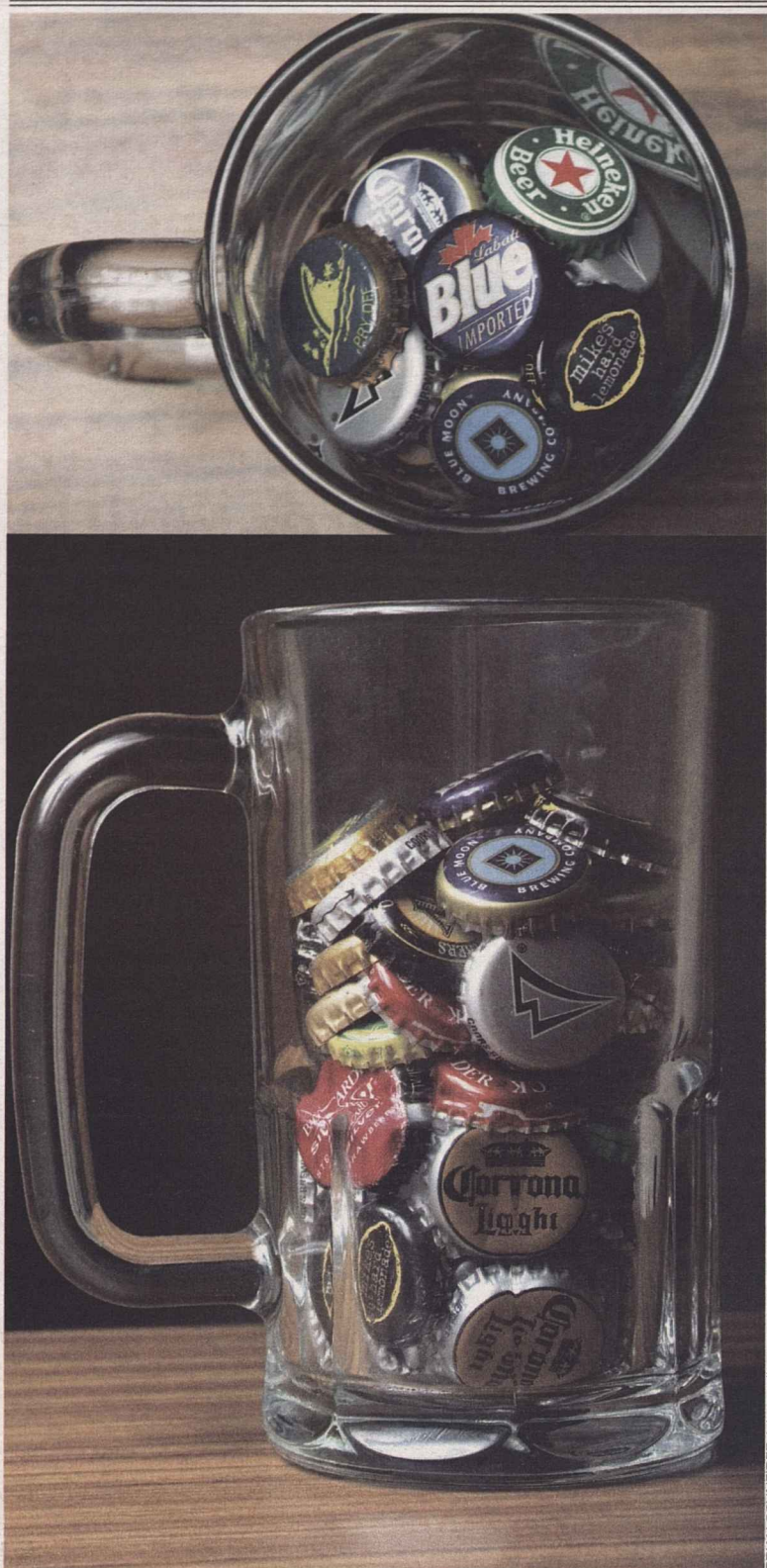
"My favorite thing about Beer Cup is the fact that I know my fellow students are being monitored, so they can't drink too much," Hannon said. "My ultimate goal in life is to accumulate as much wealth as possible to give it all away. I get a sense of purpose in life when I see money going to help people who really need it."

Sponsors for Clemson Beer Cup include Republic National Distributing Company Inc., Monster Energy Drink, Total Wine and More, and Picture Me Free.

Beer Cup teams must register by March 1, 2008 at [www.clemsonbeer-cup.com/index.html](http://www.clemsonbeer-cup.com/index.html). The fee is \$20 per person and \$140 per team.

"I want the student body to know that this is hopefully going to be a tradition that keeps getting bigger and better for years to come," Hannon said. "My team and I are fighting hard to make this happen and we will not stop until our voice is heard. If you are going to drink, do it smart, and 'drink for a cause'."

As of Wednesday Feb. 27, Beer Cup has been canceled. However, if interest increases the event may be resumed. Registration continues till March 1.



Clemson University's Beer Cup team will participate in wide range of drinking games to raise money for building houses in Ethiopia.

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## Transfer students well-represented

Council promotes activities for transfers.

RACHEL CARTER  
STAFF WRITER

Since transferring to a new school can be a difficult and daunting transition, some Clemson students came up with a solution formally known as the Transfer Council. Recently formed in the spring of 2007, members began to take action this past fall.

The Transfer Council's primary function is to represent the rarely-heard voice of the transfer students who enroll in Clemson every year. "We are here to make the University aware that transfers are a large part of the University and have many needs and concerns that need to be addressed in order to ensure a successful transition to the Clemson family," said Transfer Council Director Jeremy Tolbert.

Approximately 1,000 transfer students enroll in Clemson each year. The Transfer Council itself is made up of 30 transfer students committed to ease the process for the transfer students just arriving at Clemson.

The Council is made up of students from a variety of backgrounds, coming from schools such as University of New Hampshire, Virginia Tech, University of North Carolina and the U.S. Naval Academy. These 30 members are then divided into several sub-committees, each working on different goals and projects. One sub-committee is concerned with orientation. "They work on orientation activities and are currently conducting an online survey in order to learn how to better serve transfer students

in the future," said Tolbert.

In addition to the work done by the sub-committees, the Transfer Council also creates activities.

During the start of classes there are various first week activities in place to get the students better acclimated to the campus. Other events include tailgates and "meet and greet" socials. These events occur about six to eight times each semester.

While transfer orientation was not mandatory in the past, that fact has now been changed. Incoming transfer students also have the option of living in housing with other transfer students, though it is not mandatory.

To better understand the unique situation transfer students are placed in, the Council attended a conference in Texas last January.

Hosted by the Institute for the Study of Transfer Students, the conference allowed the Council to learn more about the transfer student and also how they could improve their own council.

The Council also presented college administrators with ideas on how to implement a Transfer Council at their own universities. As the director of the Transfer Council, Tolbert sits on the President's Executive Cabinet.

He plans and runs the weekly meetings, works with the administration who represents transfer students, attends student government meetings, Cabinet meetings, reports directly to the Student Body President and maintains contact with all sub-committees. His co-directors are Sabra Harrison and Monica VanCleve.



# Uniquely Greek



BY COHEN SIMPSON AND MELISSA WHITSON

PHOTOS BY RACHEL GLENN

Greek organizations have been a longstanding tradition on Clemson University's campus. Among the most culturally-rich and deeply-rooted are the fraternities and sororities that are a part of the the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). Founded during a time when African-American college students were refused the basic rights and privileges afforded to other students, the NPHC is an organization that oversees nine international historically black Greek groups. Clemson boasts eight of these organizations, each with their own ideals and goals for the betterment of community and social justice.

**Alpha Kappa Alpha:** The Lambda Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, consists of 27 ladies who in the interest of upholding their purpose—to be of service to ALL mankind—can often be found playing a progressive role in service projects campus wide. Having participated in Relay for Life, Take Back the Night, and Adopt-A-Highway, the ladies of Lambda Theta are clearly about service.

**Alpha Phi Alpha:** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is the nation's oldest and largest predominantly black Greek-letter fraternity established by college students. Founded on December 4, 1906 on the campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity has more than 750 chapters worldwide with over 170,000 members initiated. Pi Alpha Chapter is the Clemson University Chapter established on February 23, 1983.

**Phi Beta Sigma:** The purpose of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. is to uplift the community by striving for excellence and helping others achieve. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded January 9, 1914 on the campus of Howard University. The fraternity's vision has been crystallized into the three principles of brotherhood, scholarship and service.

**Zeta Phi Beta Sorority:** With a foundation based on the belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow its goal to

promote social awareness and address prejudices, poverty and health concerns of the community. The organization was founded on January 16, 1970 at Howard University by five women who valued the ideals of scholarship, sisterly love, service and finer womanhood.

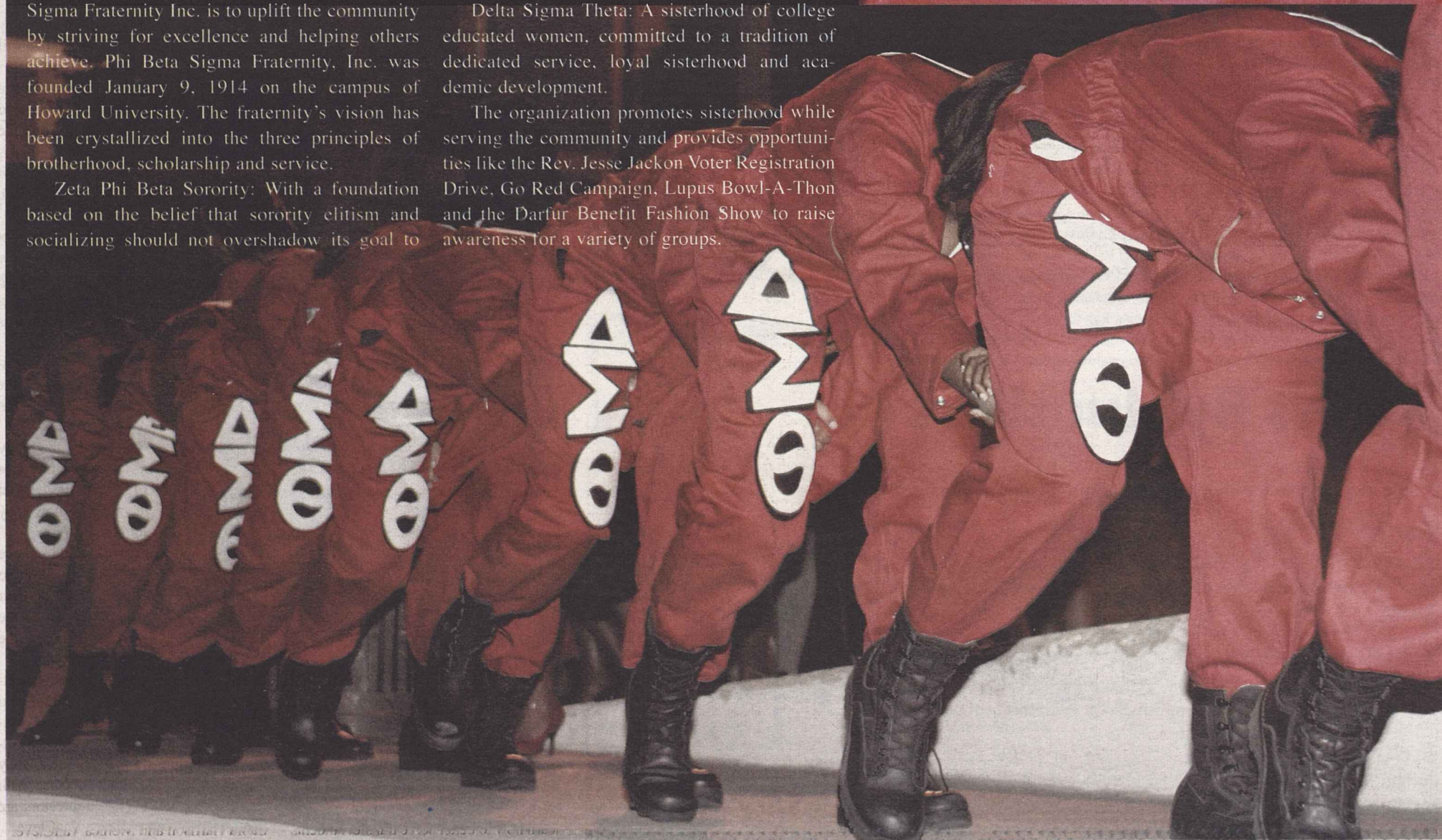
**Sigma Gamma Rho:** Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was organized on November 12, 1922 in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven young educators. Soaring To Greater Heights Of Attainment Around The World, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., as a leading national service organization, has met the challenges of the day and continues to grow through Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service.

**Omega Psi Phi:** Founded on November 17th, 1911 on the campus of Howard University, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity carries the motto "Friendship is Essential to the Soul." Among its sponsored projects, the organization has planned the Malcolm vs. Martin forum, Mardi Gras Week, Coleman Luv Week, Sexual Awareness forum, Founder's Week, and Young Male Mentoring. Omega Psi Phi also aims to uplift the community through service, scholarship and higher social and academic attainment.

**Kappa Alpha Psi:** The fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi is achievement in every field of human endeavor. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was founded on January 5th, 1911 on the campus of Indiana University. Members of the organization seek to uphold the objectives of the fraternity and the visions of the fraternity's founders.

**Delta Sigma Theta:** A sisterhood of college educated women, committed to a tradition of dedicated service, loyal sisterhood and academic development.

The organization promotes sisterhood while serving the community and provides opportunities like the Rev. Jesse Jackson Voter Registration Drive, Go Red Campaign, Lupus Bowl-A-Thon and the Darfur Benefit Fashion Show to raise awareness for a variety of groups.





## Weekly World Update

### National Report

■ **Space shuttle Atlantis and its crew returned to Earth on Feb. 20 after a journey of 5 million-miles and the delivery of a new European lab to the international space station.** Guided by Commander Stephen Frick, the Atlantis and its seven astronauts landed at 9:07 a.m. at NASA's spaceport at Kennedy Space Center greeted by the family and top space program managers. Atlantis circled Earth 202 times during its mission, which began Feb. 7. Nine of the 13 days were spent at the international space station, where crews installed the European science lab, Columbus, which was carried up by the shuttle.

■ **Pentagon officials said they believe a Navy missile secured a direct hit, destroying the fuel tank of an errant spy satellite and eliminating a toxic threat to people on Earth.** On Feb. 20 a fireball and a vapor cloud appeared to indicate the toxic hydrazine fuel had been destroyed. The missile that struck the satellite was launched from the ballistic missile defense cruiser USS Lake Erie from the Pacific Ocean at 10:26 p.m. ET Wednesday. The satellite was launched in December 2006, losing power and operation of its central computer almost immediately afterward, rendering it uncontrollable. Because it malfunctioned immediately after being launched, it had a full tank -- about 1,000 pounds -- of frozen, toxic hydrazine propellant. According to officials, without intervention, the satellite would have fallen to Earth in early March.

■ **According to a court filing on Feb. 26, Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch will be put up for sale at a public auction next month unless withstanding debts totaling over \$24 million are paid.** Financial Title Company filed the notice of trustee's sale with Santa Barbara County Superior Court, setting the auction date for March 19. Julie Wagner, a manager at the San Francisco-based title company, confirmed that Jackson's property was set for auction. Court documents obtained by Fox News warn Jackson that he has until the date of the auction to take action and maintain control of his estate.

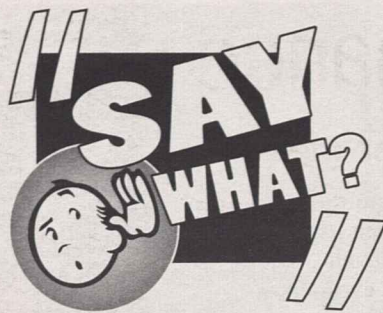
■ **In an interview with TIME, Anne Rice, the best-selling author of "Interview with the Vampire" and "The Queen of the Damned," has revealed plans to write one last book about Lestat, the main character in her gothic novel series.** In 2005, after returning to the church after a more than three-decade absence, the author publicly declared that she would never again return to writing about vampires. Rice justifies her decision to expand on the series by saying the book will have a definite Christian framework and a focus on the theme of redemption. Rice admits that the future chronicle will once again involve the character Lestat and a fictional organization known as the Talamaska, responsible for investigating the supernatural. Much like the author herself, Lestat will wrestle with the existence of God throughout the story.

### World Report

■ **Newly-released data suggests that popular antidepressants including Prozac and Paxil have little impact on most patients.** Before the drugs were approved by the Food and Drug Administration, researchers from the U.K., U.S. and Canada analyzed results for fluoxetine (Prozac), venlafaxine (Effexor), nefazodone (Serzone) and paroxetine (Paxil or Seroxat), classified as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). Published this week in the journal PLoS Medicine, the researchers' paper claims that only patients who are diagnosed "at the upper end of the very severely depressed category" receive any substantial benefit from the widely prescribed drugs. For others, the paper said, antidepressants are barely more effective than a placebo -- although patients suffering from depression, like those suffering from chronic pain, generally do see a substantial placebo benefit.

■ **On Feb. 26, the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority ordered 70 domestic Internet service providers to restore access to YouTube after the removal of what government officials had deemed a "blasphemous" video clip.** Pakistan ordered YouTube blocked on Feb. 22 over a clip featuring a Dutch lawmaker who said he plans to release a movie portraying Islam as fascist and prone to inciting violence. While a number of other videos featuring the politician, Geert Wilders, would remain visible to Pakistani Internet users, the one which was removed had been "totally anti-Quranic...very blasphemous," said Pakistan Telecommunication authority spokeswoman Nabiha Mahmood. She said it promoted Wilders' upcoming movie, but provided no details of its content.

■ **A vast underground vault storing millions of seeds from around the world received its first deposit on Feb. 26.** The seed bank, by the name of the "Doomsday Vault," is located 427 feet inside a frozen mountain on a remote island near the Arctic Ocean and is considered the ultimate safety net for the world's seed collections. The vault is capable of protecting the seeds from a wide range of threats including war, natural disasters, lack of funding or simply poor agricultural management. Wangari Maathai, a Kenyan environmental and political activist who won the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize, placed the first seeds inside the vault, followed by other dignitaries. The inaugural shipment represents 268,000 distinct samples of seeds, with each sample containing a hundred-plus seeds and originating from a different farm or field around the world. In all, the shipment of seeds secured in the vault Tuesday weighed approximately 10 tons, filling 676 boxes. The shipment amounts to 100 million seeds in total, ranging from major African and Asian food staples like maize, rice and wheat to European and South American varieties of eggplant, lettuce, barley and potato, according to the Global Crop Diversity Trust, which is paying to collect and maintain the seeds.



"I don't know what that means."

EMMETT DALTON, one of the four undergraduate presidential candidates, in response to how he would combat apathy at Clemson.

"It was a painful experience for me and her."

PAUL YEKUM referring to his wife prematurely giving birth to their child as she freed herself from a hangman's noose. Both had been accused of sorcery in Papua New Guinea.

"I, for one, regret that John McCain is the nominee of the conservative party."

BILL CUNNINGHAM, conservative radio talk-show host, after Senator John McCain renounced the commentator's remarks about Senator Barack Obama.

"I hope the message is very simple: The law applies to everybody, whether they're the head of a large religious group or somebody who's not."

TERRY GODDARD, Arizona Attorney General, on polygamist religious leader Warren Jeffs who faces sex charges from arranged marriages.

"I'm standing on the roof of Parliament because the democratic process has been corrupted."

RICHARD GEORGE, one of the five people who climbed atop England's Houses of Parliament's to protest the expansion of Heathrow airport.

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# Grief affects performance

Study finds tragedy correlates with lower grades

COHEN SIMPSON  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A 2006 study by a Purdue University researcher Heather Servaty-Seib found that college students who endure the death of a family member or friends experience a corresponding drop in academic performance during the semester in which the loss occurred.

In many of today's headlines, the college student seems to be force-fed tragedy in magnanimous proportions. Calling to mind such incidents as the Virginia Tech Massacre, the Ocean Isle, N.C., fire and most recently, the shootings at Northern Illinois University, there seems to be no lack of grief amongst the nation's college campuses.

Sieb studied 227 Purdue students who had experienced such a death sometime between the summer/fall of 2001 and the end of the spring 2004 semester, with all bereaved undergraduates having significantly lower grade-point averages than a comparative group of students.

The question many students are faced with as they experience love and loss on the edge of adult hood is "Why?" Yet many of the horrific occurrences can be branded as situational; people simply caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

However, many students seek more definitive answers, posing a torrent of questions that can sometimes prove more troublesome than the initial.

The actual process of dealing with grief

shares a direct correlation to the explanation one chooses to accept, which itself is largely in part relative to each individual and his or her personality, beliefs and experiences.

Without concrete evidence as to why the given tragic event occurred at X moment in time, resulting in the destruction of Y number of lives, the students left behind to embrace the brink of despair are forced to discover an unknown solution to one of life's devastating abstract equations, which can take a substantial toll on mind and body.

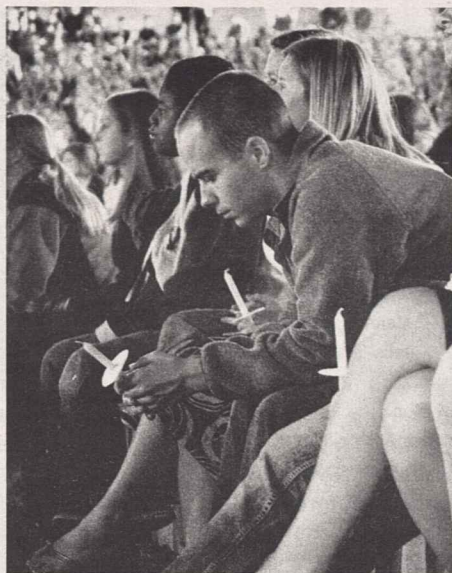
"It's the combination of grief interfering with the ability to concentrate and perform," said Sieb. "It's important to remember that grief is not purely emotional. There are serious cognitive effects as well."

Sieb's study indicated that among first-year male students who experienced a death, the mean grade-point average was 2.41 during the semester of the death, while their male peers had a mean GPA of 2.74.

Inversely, among first-year females during the semester of the loss, the mean GPA of the bereaved students was 2.73, compared to 2.83 among the non-bereaved students.

In regard to credit hours, with courses generally consisting of three credit hours each, first-year males in the bereaved group completed a mean of 14.34 credit hours the semester of the death, while the comparative group completed 14.64 credit hours.

Among first-year females who experienced a death, the mean was 14.21, whereas their counterparts completed 14.84 credit hours.



A candlelight vigil was held after the Virginia Tech Massacre to help student cope.

Ultimately, Sieb stressed the importance of university outreach to those individuals struggling with grief. "It's important for faculty and staff to acknowledge the emotional and cognitive effect that experiencing a death loss has on students," said Sieb. "With greater acknowledgement, students are likely to feel greater support, experience less isolation and, therefore, function more effectively."

Many institutions take grief seriously and offer a plethora of information and counseling concerning not only the general issue of grief, but things stemming from grief such as depression and self inflicted harm.

For more information contact Counseling and Psychological Services at Redfern Health Center. Services can be accessed Monday-Friday, on a walk-in basis, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

tions of a capitalist system. The lecture will take place at Self Auditorium in the Strom Thurmond Institute from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and will be followed by a question and answer session. Admission is free and open to the public.

**The Clemson University Jazz Ensemble is scheduled to perform tonight.** Big band and small group arrangements of prominent American composers will be the focus of the concert which begins at 8 p.m. at the Brooks Center. Guest musicians will perform traditional and new arrangements in classic and modern styles. The event is free and open to the public.

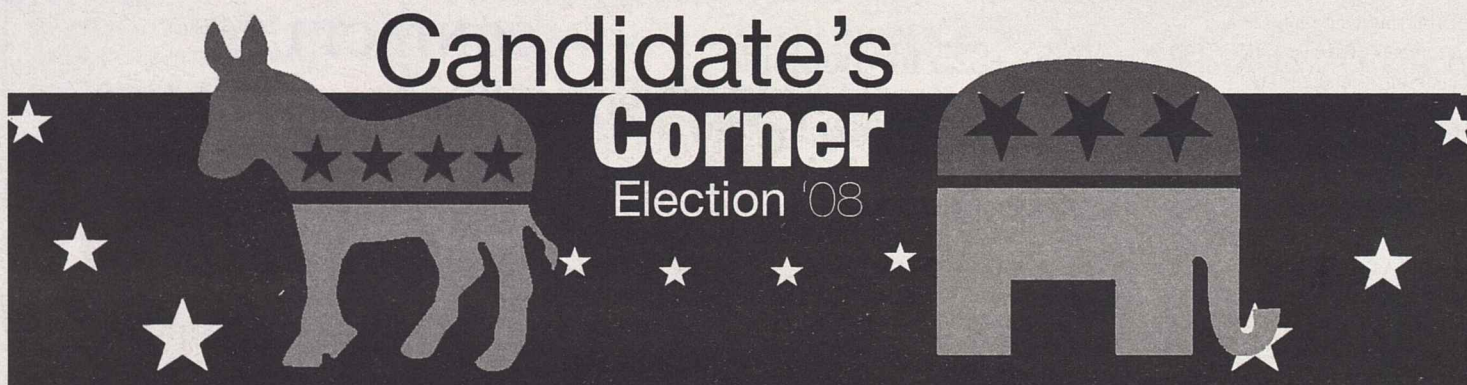
**William Kilgallin, head of investigative legal and outreach for the National Science Foundation's Office of Inspector General, will be the 2008 Presidential Colloquium speaker at 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, in the Self Auditorium of the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson University.** Kilgallin will address "Research Ethics Today" during the colloquium, which is free and open to the public. Kilgallin

will also lecture on the topic of "Research Ethics and the Private Sector" during a program at the Commerce Club in Greenville at 11:30 a.m. on March 4. Seating for this program is limited; to register online go to <http://www.clemson.edu/ethics/events/kilgallin.php>.

**On Feb. 18, the Undergraduate Student Senate passed a resolution stating that the students of Clemson University do not support a HEPI cap on higher education as part of the proposed budget by Gov. Mark Sanford.** According to the resolution, which was authored by Senator Abby Daniel, tuition caps at Clemson have the potential to "greatly hinder the quality of education... as well as the value of a Clemson degree." The resolution continued by stating that the students of Clemson "feel that the University should have the opportunity to change and grow... by means of increasing its resources," ending with "we do not support a HEPI cap on higher education that would restrict our Board of Trustees from setting tuition at a level that best benefits the Clemson student body."

## TIGER BRIEFS

**On Wednesday, March 5, The Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism will present University of Chicago law professor, Richard A. Epstein, to deliver the second lecture in the John W. Pope Lecture Series, his topic being "The Moral and Economic Foundations of Capitalism: Is there a difference?"** Professor Richard Epstein questions whether or not separating the moral and economic aspects of capitalism is useful or justified, explaining how these moral and ethical ideals should be understood in relation to the economic aspects of a capitalist system. By investigating examples from antitrust law, telecommunications, and intellectual property, Epstein will illustrate the intimate connection between the moral and economic founda-



## Ralph Nader

*Independent running for President*

**Personal Bio:** Nader was born in Winsted, Connecticut, on Feb. 27, 1943. His parents, Rose and Nathra Nader, were immigrants from Lebanon; Ralph and his parents both speak Arabic. His family owned Highlands Arms, a gathering place for his small town's members. Growing up, it was common for his family to discuss both current events and politics at dinner, as well as with customers to their restaurant. As some people said, their restaurant was a place where you could get a cup of coffee and ten minutes of politics for a nickel. Nader got an AB magna cum laude from the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs at Princeton in 1955; he majored in East Asian studies and studied both Chinese and Russian. He got an LLB in 1958 from Harvard Law. He practiced law in Hartford, Conn., and taught history and government from 1961-1963 at the University of Hartford. Nader never married.

**Political Bio:** He's most noted for his work as a consumer advocate, which began with an article and a book he wrote that documented safety defects and safety practices in American cars and their industry. His research and lobbying helped push Congress's passage of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act in 1966. He lobbied also for the Wholesome Meat Act in 1967, which instituted federal inspections of beef and poultry and standards on

slaughterhouses, the Freedom of Information Act in 1967 and the Clean Air Act in 1970. His 2008 campaign is his fifth run for president; he ran in 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004.

**Political Views:** On Nader's Web site, he has a list of "Twelve Issues that Matter for 2008." These are issues that candidates Obama, Clinton and McCain no longer "have on the table."

- Adopt single payer national health insurance
- Cut the huge, bloated, wasteful military budget
- No to nuclear power, solar energy first
- Aggressive crackdown on corporate crime and corporate welfare
- Open up the Presidential debates
- Adopt a carbon pollution tax
- Reverse U.S. policy in the Middle East
- Impeach Bush/Cheney
- Repeal the Taft-Hartley anti-union law
- Adopt a Wall Street securities speculation tax
- Put an end to ballot access obstructionism
- Work to end corporate personhood

## CRIME

### ARRESTS

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
TUESDAY, FEB. 15 TO WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20.

#### Feb. 15

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### CRIME REPORT

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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#### Feb. 15

2:35 p.m., Grand Larceny, Johnstone Hall, officer: Cassell  
10:37 p.m., Minor In Possession, Calhoun Courts, officer: Cassell

#### Feb. 16

3:31 p.m., Damage to Property, Clemson House, officer: Harrington  
8:54 p.m., Suspicious Activity, Stadium Suites, officer: Salisbury

#### Feb. 17

10:49 p.m., Minor In Possession, Mauldin Hall, officer: Brothers

#### Feb. 18

10:49 p.m., Suspicious Persons/ Possible Drug Violation (Unfounded), Tilman Hall, officer: Stevens

#### Feb. 19

2:55 p.m., Malicious Damage to Vehicle, C-4 Parking Lot, officer: Stevens

#### Feb. 20

12:21 a.m., Suspicious Activity, Bryan Mall, officer: Lehman  
12:28 a.m., Minor In Possession, Geer Hall, officer: Cahill  
12:12 p.m., Malicious Injury to Real Property, Kite Hill, officer: Schutt

### FIRE/RESCUE

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#### Feb. 15

7:32 p.m., Fire Alarm, 1069 Tiger Blvd., officer: CUFD

#### Feb. 18

3:56 a.m., Fire, McDonalds, officer: CUFD

#### Feb. 20

12:20 a.m., Electrical Burning Smell, Byrnes Hall, officer: CUFD  
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## LEAP DAY History

**45 B.C. - Emperor Julius Caesar declared the last day of February as Leap Year Day, a date that would be observed only once every four years. Originally, February had 30 days.**

**4 A.D. - Emperor Caesar Augustus gave his name to the month of August and takes the last day away from February so August can have 31 days—just as July (named for Julius Caesar) has 31 days. February then had only 29 days in leap years.**

**1582 - Pope Gregory XIII changed the calendar so the last day of the year is December 31. He also mandated that century years are only leap years if they are divisible by 400.**

**It takes the earth 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds to make a complete revolution around the sun.**

**In the English-speaking world, it is acceptable for women to propose marriage to men in a leap year.**

**In 1997, the Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies was founded to celebrate those born on February 29.**

**In Scotland, it is considered unlucky to be born on Leap Day.**

**In Greece, it is bad luck to get married in a leap year.**



# Egypt gets Clemson makeover

Landscape architecture students help plan reconstruction for ancient landmarks.

**LOUISE GOODMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Clemson students in landscape architecture will be participating in a 3600-year-old project restoration on one of the world's greatest wonders.

Landscape architecture students will be collaborating with students at Egypt's Ain Sham University in Cairo on a restoration project of the colossal temples Luxor and Karnak, as well as the two-mile long Avenue of Sphinxes sitting on the banks of the Nile River.

While the temples and surrounding areas provide to be one of the world's most popular tourist destinations, the heavy visitation has taken a toll on the prestige of the region.

To accommodate the tourist population, unplanned urban developments have taken over the historic grounds.

The ultimate goal of the project will be to restore the Avenue of Sphinxes and the surrounding area.

The students will also be working to ensure that future urban development can be done while still preserving the historical integrity and heritage of the Avenue of Sphinxes.

The landscape planning done by Clemson students will ensure that the area maintains its natural beauty, as well as enhance some of its features.

The invitation for this groundbreaking project came from the Luxor governor, Samir Farag, in summer 2006, but the idea for the

project has been in the works for much longer.

Clemson landscape architecture professor Dr. Hala Nassar, had learned that of the possible renovation to the historic grounds while visiting family and friends in Egypt.

Dr. Nassar recognized Ain Sham University's strong architecture program but realized the project would need landscape planning as well.

The project started out slow as cross-disciplinary discussions between government on both continents and administrators from both universities.

Both schools' administrations were very excited about the idea.

Dr. Nassar is excited about the work that Clemson students will produce in the project, but consid-

ers the invitation to be a part of the project an honor in itself.

The Clemson students first started the mission in February 2007.

In Egypt they met with their new project colleagues, as well as researched what all needed to be done and what the focus of their efforts would be. In the following months the students maintained email correspondence, and in May 2007 the Ain Sham University Architecture students came to Clemson University to reunite for more hands-on planning.

In July 2007 the students from both universities oversaw their finalized plans presented.

The finished plan not only had re-created the appearance of the avenue, but the landscape planning provided a makeover for the Nile

River's eastern waterfront, providing visitors a clear view to its magnitude.

The plans were presented to the governor of Luxor, Samir Farag, and Egypt's Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif.

The project has also received buzz all over Egypt's daily newspapers.

This 2008 Spring semester will provide for more opportunities for Clemson University and Ain Sham University students to work together.

The next project will focus on the partial reconstruction of Cairo, to be completed in 2050.

The plan will be to enhance the surrounding regions of the Great Pyramids of Giza and the New Grand Egyptian Museum.

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Mander and Daniela Scoggins.

Tracy Lamb, Daniel Pietrucha, Caroline Rash, Brad Saad and Ian Wood assisted the team.

Team captain Alyssa Mander stated that the best thing about ethics was its effect on life.

"Ethics is something that should drive our lives," said Mander. "Not religion, not laws but ethics. Ethics surpasses religion, and ethics surpasses laws. It gives us a responsibility in the world. A lot of times religious ideas and laws reflect ethics but the ethics we discuss press deeper issues. That's the sort of thing I think most students are too busy for."

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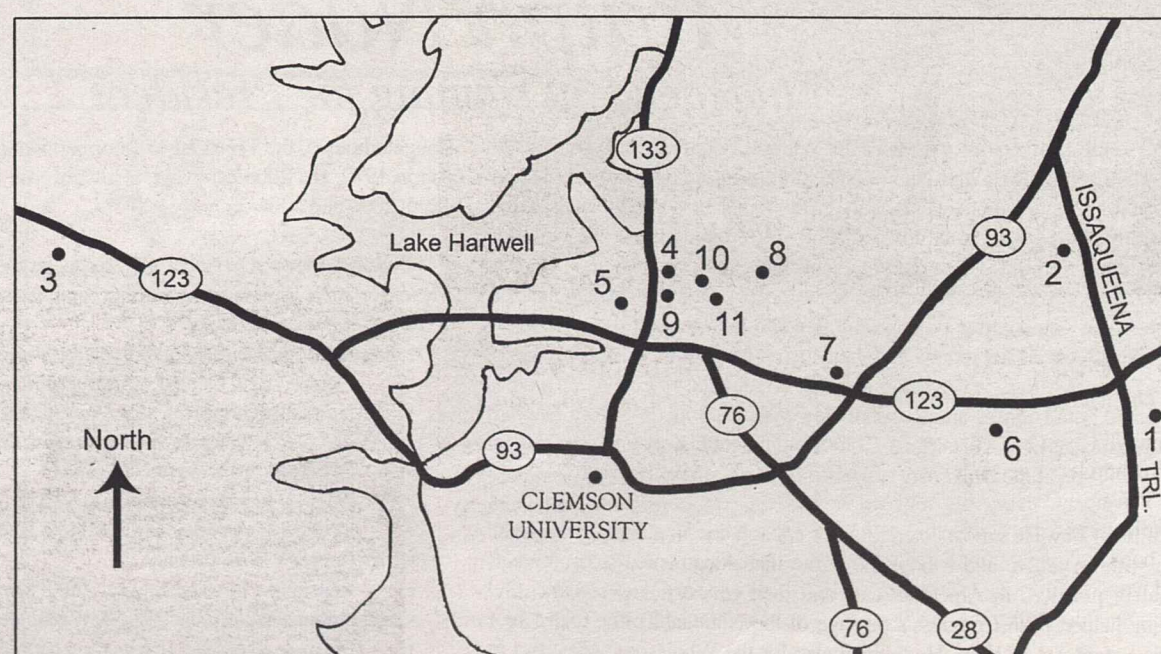
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# Sigma Nu goes to court

Fraternity faces criminal charges.

ANNA REID  
STAFF WRITER

A trial is set to take place for the members of the Sigma Nu fraternity that were involved in the incident that resulted in Ben Sprague's death last December.

According to Clemson spokeswoman Robin Denny, "The University was looking into the incident that resulted in Ben Sprague's death and possible violations of university policy by the fraternity as an organization.

The University placed the fraternity on interim suspension pending completion of its investigation and judicial process to determine what penalties will be imposed."

"SC law enforcement was investigating the case to determine violations of the law by individuals," said Denny. "They concluded their case several weeks ago and charged 3 individual students with violations of the law."

The charges are stemming from the incident that took place Dec. 9, 2007 at an off campus Sigma Nu party, which resulted in the death of an 18-year old freshman Sigma Nu.

After Sprague's death, Clemson University's Sigma Nu chapter was placed on interim suspension by the university and the national fraternity pending investigations.

The suspension meant that the group could not hold any meetings or parties.

Also, three fraternity members were indicted on charges for providing alcohol to minors. They face punishments ranging from a large fine to a short time in prison.

According to a statement released by Brad Beacham, executive director of the Virginia-based national Sigma Nu Fraternity to Fox News, "We fully expect our members to abide by, uphold and support the laws of the land, including laws pertaining to alcohol purchase, consumption and use."

The SC Law and University proceedings are not fully completed yet, so outcomes are still to be determined yet.

According to a statement released on FoxNews.com, "The family, from what I understand, did not want criminal charges brought. They don't want these boys to face this the rest of their life."

Robin Denny said the school will determine whether the students who were charged would also be suspended.

According to Denny, "Our first thoughts are with the Sprague family and continue to be with them, since this is just another sad day for their family and for the Clemson family."

## LIT-FEST from page A1

are holding a young writers workshop and book discussion. The Family Day is open to everyone, but there will be early registration for spots.

Downtown Clemson is getting in on the literary activities as well. The restaurant 356 is holding a reading on Thursday evening from 5:30 to 8. From there, the reading will move to the Blue Heron restaurant and continue from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Music and an Open Mic Night will start after the reading at the Blue Heron Thursday night at 11. There will be more music and singing at the Blue Heron Friday night starting at 9.

On all three days of the festival there will be events held throughout the day. A full schedule of the events can be found on the Clemson Web site.

Other writers who will be present include Kim Chinquee, Steve Almond, Brock Clarke, Camille Dungy, Major Jackson, Laurence Lieberman, Karon Luddy, Kevin McIlvoy, Richard Michelson, Ron Rash, Catharine Savage Brosman and Vivian Shipley.

A power point presentation that can be found through the Clemson Web site gives background information on each of the visiting writers and poets.

Clemson's First Annual Literary Festival seems to be receiving a lot of good feedback - even from students who are not English majors. Clemson senior Charles Lee says, "I think it's great that Clemson is doing this. I'm really excited for the Literary Festival, especially the downtown events."

The readings at 356 and the Blue Heron are a great way to casually introduce people to literature and poetry readings who might normally not attend such events.

The Tiger will be holding Senior Staff elections on March 10 in the Student Media Lounge. Please send applications to editor@thetigernews.com for all positions before March 3.

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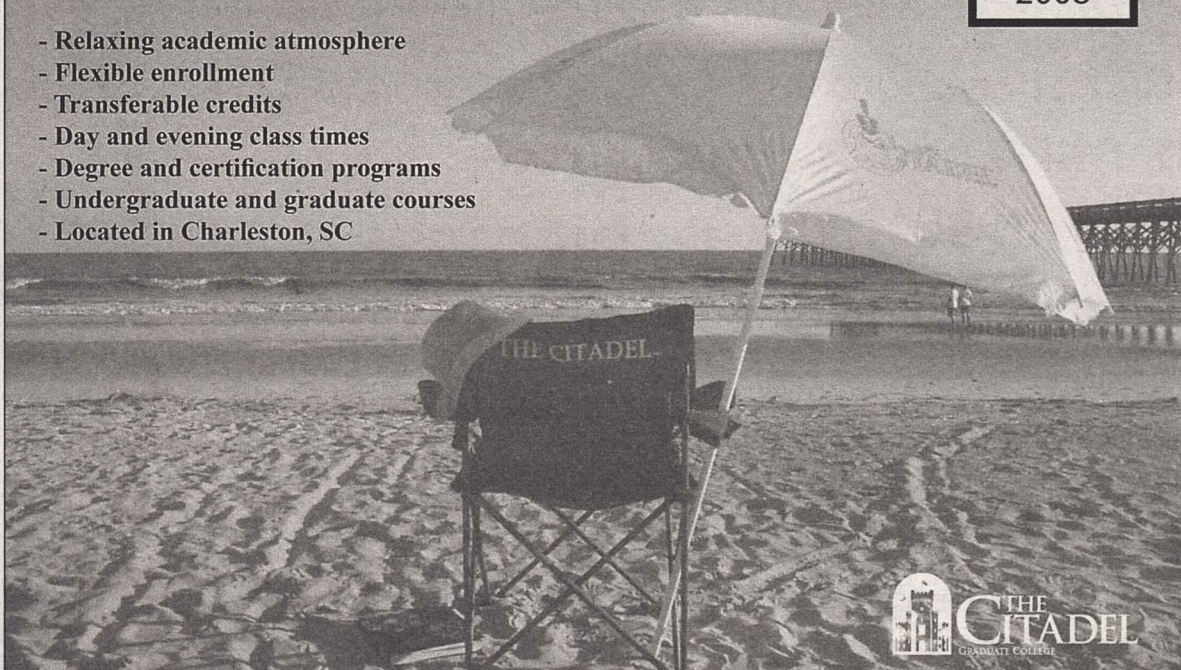


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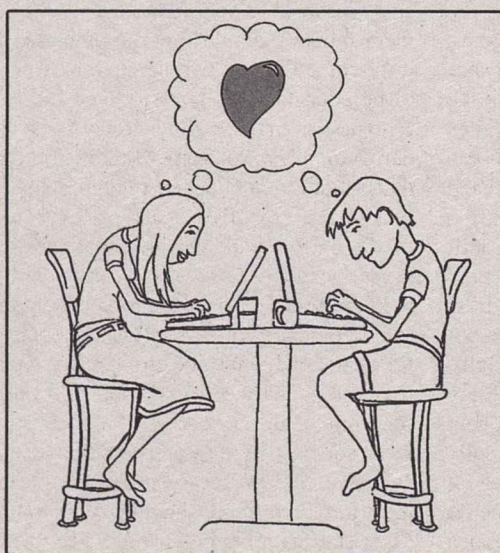
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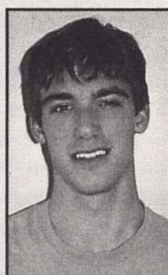
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*Do you think that single-sex classrooms allow students of both genders to get a better education?*

"No, because it allows both genders to learn from the others perspective."



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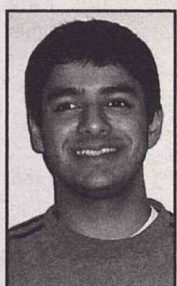
**Emily Taylor**  
biochemistry  
sophomore

"For high and middle school students single sex classrooms present an environment with less distractions, making it easier for them to learn."

"No, interacting with members of an opposite sex can be helpful when doing group assignments."



**Megan Thomas**  
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"No, because a diverse classroom leads to a diverse learning experience."

"Yes, because coed classrooms can be a distraction for learning."

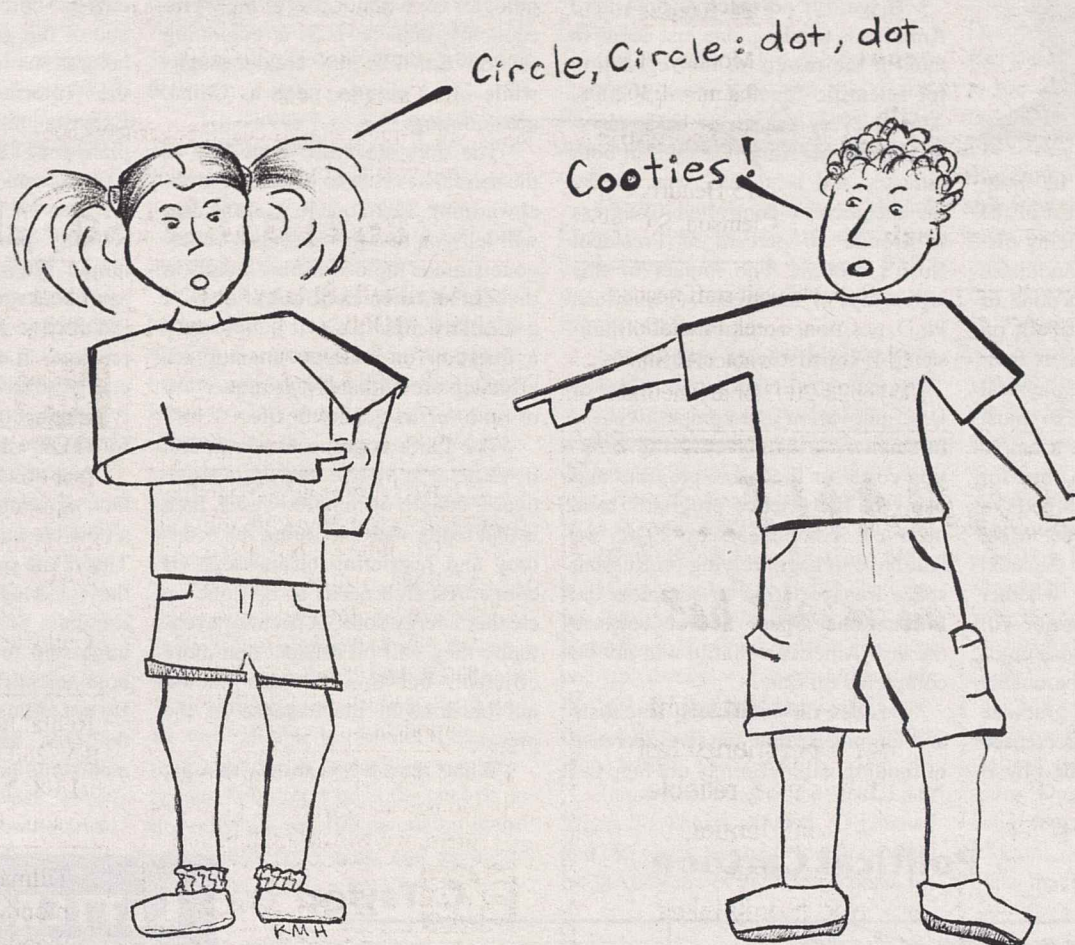


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**Connor Hutto**  
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"No, because part of class is to be able to socialize with new people especially ones of the opposite sex."



## Single-sex classrooms not the solution

Even with good intentions, a desperate school district is making a mistake.

The small county of Greene, Ga., has come up with a plan that they hope will improve the quality of their students' education. Greene County's school district has been plagued by very low standardized test scores and low graduation rates for decades, so Superintendent Shawn McCullough decided something drastic was in order. "At the rate we're moving, we're never going to catch up," he said. The plan that the county has approved will separate students based on sex, meaning in this case that while students of both sexes will attend classes in the same building, they will never share a classroom with someone of the opposite sex. Some research has shown that males and females learn differently, and McCullough cited some of it to argue his case. Some examples of the benefits predicted by the plan include: less rambunctious behavior by males who would otherwise be trying to impress females in class and more participation from females who would otherwise be afraid to look smart in front of males. If everything goes according to plan, Greene County will be the first county in the country to have single-sex education at every level (excluding preschool) throughout the entire school district. Federal law requires that parents have the ability to choose a school that is co-ed, so an unaffiliated (though still public) charter school in the county will remain unaffected by the shift in policy.

The question we want to address regarding the move toward single-sex education in Greene County is one of legitimacy: is this a radical advance in educating our children in the ways that will help them learn best, or is it a just a potentially dangerous shot in the dark by a school district who is desperate to get some better numbers out of its students? We happen to think it's the latter. There are a couple of things that seem shaky about Greene County's plan. First, there's the simple fact that the kind of test scores that come out of any particular school district in the nation don't depend on single-sex education or even co-education—they depend on money. According to a CNN.com article, some 70% of Greene County's students come from families that are working class, which means the school district probably isn't very rich, and as a result probably isn't able to attract the number of teachers it needs or the kinds of facilities and technology it wants. It seems reasonable to assume that if the kids in Greene County had access to the kind of money that say,

Eanes county in Texas (one of the richest districts in the country) has, they would be able to raise their test scores without any problems, and without any thought of going single-sex. The point is the factors at work behind Greene County's education woes are probably a little too serious and deeply entrenched to be broken down by separating students of different sexes.

In addition, there is some concern over the social repercussions of separating males and females into different classrooms. The intentions of the county seem to be good, but it runs the risk of promoting the kind of sexist stereotypes that still have a hold on many people in this country, some of whom don't even realize their attitudes because they are so commonplace and generally acceptable in the public realm. Logically, of course, it doesn't follow that separating the sexes into separate classrooms will cause members of each sex to think that members of the opposite sex are inherently less worthy of respect or less intelligent, but it does seem reasonable to assume that it will get them thinking about how the other sex is different and about why its members need to be educated differently. Given the stereotypes already floating around (mostly derogatory toward women), it seems like the separation in Greene County could add fuel to the fire. It's basically a sentiment of discomfort with the idea that the two sexes need to learn differently—we've seen millions of women succeed on the same playing field as men in this country for years, and while the struggle for equal rights (especially equal salaries) still rages for women, all the success of women who were educated right alongside men seems evidence for the fact that the two sexes must not learn too differently. As a female Tiger staff member pointed out, "I'm wary of anyone or anything that tells me I can't be in the same classroom, learning in the same way, as a man."

In short, Greene County's move to a single-sex school district seems like a desperate move by a school district that isn't being given the kind of help it needs. Without much money in the county and little funding from the government, they are attempting a radical solution that seems outdated and inefficient.

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## COMMENTARY

# Scientific funding crisis cannot go unnoticed in November

LUCAS  
HURD

Columnist



Although the war in Iraq, healthcare and the rest of the mainstream issues being discussed by the presidential candidates are important, one area that none of the candidates have talked about on more than a superficial level is their intentions on funding the physical sciences and engineering. To most of the public, this may not seem to be of much direct concern, but for Clemson's student body, this is a very real and personal issue. Most of us will graduate within the next president's first term, and whether we are out of Iraq by then or not will not be of any concern to those engineering students who may be unable to find a suitable job or a graduate position because of the decreased Congressional funding of the physi-

cal sciences.

To gain a perspective on where America is heading, one just needs to look at the results of the legislation for scientific funding through 2008. Almost every branch of basic physics and engineering research, in both industry and academia, was cut by the Democratic-controlled Congress to around 10 percent of President Bush's request. The impact of this is the loss of hundreds of American Ph.D. positions with potentially thousands of layoffs in the industry.

Funding for NASA, the leader of U.S. innovation and competitiveness in science, is barely covering inflation costs for the space program and many of the science programs have been cut completely. In 2010, we will have to begin relying on Russian space transportation to complete the International Space Station because the new American shuttle will not be completed on time.

Besides the impact on scientists and engineers, this massive decrease of funding will definitely not help the

already faltering economy. New technologies are a major part of the world economy, and the U.S. is beginning to slow down in new breakthroughs while other nations, such as China, are booming.

The only scientific issue any of the candidates care to discuss is global warming. First, one look at the data will tell you that the Earth has undergone similar rapid warming trends in the past and then came out of them at a similarly rapid pace. It is not really a question of whether humans are affecting the climate, it is a question of time versus quality of life.

The Earth is going to warm, and if we delay it by one-half of a degree over a couple of hundred years, then is that really worth harming the economy and restricting businesses? Of course research needs to be done on cleaner energy sources because eventually they will be cheaper and more efficient, but this research should not be done at the expense of the present.

What blows my mind, though,

is that politicians talk about cleaner energy sources and then do not fund one of the greatest international collaborations in the history of science: the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER). The plans for ITER were started to create a fusion energy source. If successful, a fusion energy resource could theoretically produce a massive power output from minimal energy input and a fuel source of water without the radioactive waste of current fission reactors. It is almost as perfect an energy source that one can realistically imagine, but United States funding for ITER was cut to \$0 for 2008.

Not funding ITER is not just a lack of scientific judgment, but it is a horrible move for foreign relations. The ITER project officially includes the E.U., China, Russia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and India. It is a huge step toward world cooperation both scientifically and economically. By not aiding in the funding of ITER, the U.S. has taken back commitments and promises made to the rest

of the world. Surely that is not the image that we need during the coming years.

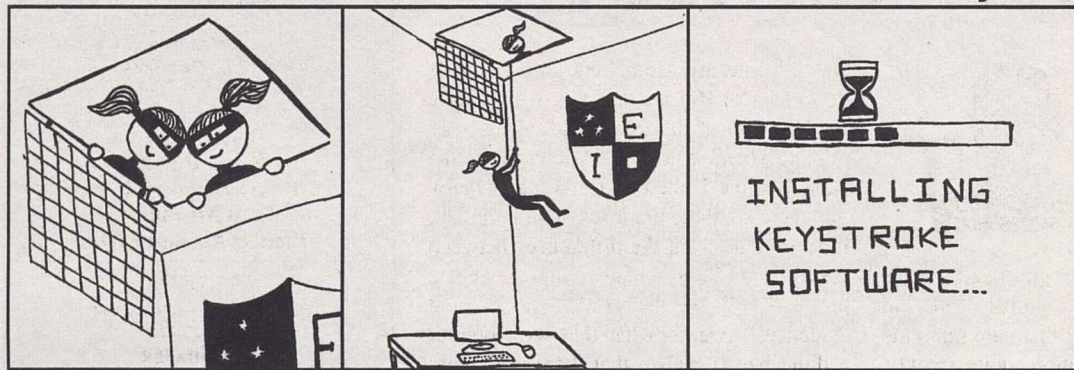
It is also important to keep in mind that this is at least one issue where we cannot blame President Bush. He has remained consistent about his stance for increasing funding for the physical sciences for the entirety of his presidency.

It is the partisan nature of Congress that has led to the U.S. being in a scientific financial crisis, and blame is more correctly pointed towards those senators that have supported this decrease in funding, including the current Democratic presidential candidates. Hopefully, these candidates will be challenged to take a real stance on scientific funding before the November elections or in four years, we may be looking at a far worse situation than we are already in.

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## Political Cartoon

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## COMMENTARY

# A new voice on campus

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Did you know that half of all pregnancies in the U.S. are unintended? Or that the U.S. has the highest rates of teen pregnancy, teen birth and teen abortion?

If you picked up the recent sex issue of The Tiger, you may have encountered similar statistics. Given these facts, it's clear that a lot still needs to be changed in our approach to education about sex and reproductive issues.

Too often, information that may have prevented an unwanted pregnancy or an STI is made difficult to obtain. Especially in this region of the country, moral taboos regarding sex can encourage the perpetuation of myths and prevent people from even seeking accurate information in the first place.

VOX, a new organization on campus, is doing something about this problem. A student-outreach group of Planned Parenthood on university campuses all over the U.S., VOX is designed to educate and mobilize students in support of reproductive health and rights.

You may suspect that this article is a shameless plug for a group I belong to and want to help make known. And you would be right. However, the importance of VOX's objectives—and the relevance of the issues we address to your own life and/or the lives of people you care about—makes VOX worth your notice and interest.

VOX wants to break the widespread perception that Planned Parenthood is only focused on the issue of abortion, which is simply untrue. Planned Parenthood and VOX want to give women all the information they could possibly need about pregnancies so that they don't have to face that difficult choice in the first place. In other words, we want to do what we can to ensure that pregnancies, if they do occur, are wanted and planned.

Because the nearest Planned Parenthood is in Asheville, N.C., the formation of the new VOX

group at Clemson couldn't be more timely. "What about Redfern?" you might ask. Don't they provide answers and resources for students?

Well, yes, to an extent. The resources are there, but what good are they doing anyone if students don't know about them?

It seems that the average student is unaware of what is available at Redfern in terms of contraception and unsure of where to go when they have a question. It's one of VOX's objectives to make these resources known and thus more accessible to students.

For example, you may be unaware that Emergency Contraception (aka the Morning-After Pill) is available at Redfern if you should need it. VOX wants to make sure students know about this and the other options available to them.

Furthermore, VOX seeks to provide a safe, judgment-free environment where people can openly ask any question about sexuality and reproduction. We held a talk earlier this semester called "Secrets & Myths: Everything You Wanted to Know About Sexuality and Reproduction," where the guest speaker responded to anonymous questions submitted by students.

There was a big turnout at the event, and the sheer number of questions submitted demonstrates the need for accessibility to the kind of information VOX provides.

Soon VOX will be holding a Back Up Your Birth Control Day and will be participating in Take Back the Night, an event dedicated to raising awareness about sexual assault and violence against women. Come join us in these events and others as we promote awareness about reproductive rights and options.

VOX is open to people who cares about these issues. Women, men, conservatives, liberals—anyone can join. If you want to make a difference, get involved and make your voice heard!

If you have a question or would like to find out more about VOX, please contact Kara McManus at [kmmcman@clemson.edu](mailto:kmmcman@clemson.edu) or Amanda Booher at [aboohr@clemson.edu](mailto:aboohr@clemson.edu).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A response to Damon Andrews

I would like to compliment Damon Andrews for his wonderful satire about how Republicans use fear to influence people to vote against their own best interests. This piece is so good that at first I thought it was serious. Who else but Republicans would compare a man whose grandfather fought in Patton's army to Adolf Hitler? Andrews would have made Karl Rove proud for he also compared Obama to Karl Marx in the same piece. I guess the underlying point there is that we are what is on our bookshelf. Perhaps the best moment comes when he refuses to let actual facts interfere with the need to be very afraid for your property—equating the estate tax with the abolition of all rights of inheritance. Andrews is incredulous that anyone could even suggest that a right can be taxed (pay no attention to property taxes citizens). There is even a touch of that favorite old Southern fear, race—in the form of Black Nationalism. Mix in a touch of illegal immigration (let's go eat Mexican tonight) and simmer for awhile. The fear intensifies with the use of Obama's middle name (Hussein—sure, we supported him even when he gassed the Kurds, but what's some ethnic cleansing among two countries who both hate Iran?). Eloquent means forceful, fluent, and revealing expression (find position details on Obama's Web site). So what if by definition that means he's not vague? (Andrews did mess up a little here by referring to Obama's speeches as elaborate—which means planned or carried out with great care). But Republicans never let anything get in the way of their vision for the future—fear the Democrat (apologies to Maryland). So be afraid of the party who brought us victory in WW II, social security and Medicare, Civil Rights, increases in the minimum wage, environmental protection and Title IX. You might want Republicans around the campfire sharing scary stories with you, but we can't afford to have them involved in government any more.

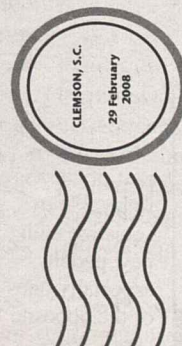
Richard R. Byrd  
Class of '73

### Correction from CCIT employee

The front-page article CCIT has an error that must be corrected. While reading through, the writer lists all option available support to students, but there's one she got completely wrong. "Lenox" IS officially supported by CCIT for all students. I know this because I maintain it. Also, it's spelled "Linux." CCIT provides installations and software for the Ubuntu line of Linux distributions. If you haven't heard of it yet, you will. Ubuntu Linux is an operating system and set of software that is completely free. Free as in free lunch, and free as is freedom to change. This makes Ubuntu Linux and all Linux variants a unique set of software that makes amazing projects possible, such as the One Laptop Per Child project. It's great to see tech articles in the Tiger, but could the writer at least search on Google for what they're talking about first?

Ross Squires  
Student and CCIT employee

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## COMMENTARY

# Robot Ethics

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Columnist

So let's face it; almost everyone, including me, is looking forward to the day when robots become autonomous.

Who among us wouldn't like to have a robot that takes care of your most hated chores?

No longer would you be forced to clean your bathroom, dust underneath the magazines (by far my most hated chore) or vacuum around the edges of the wall, where you have to walk all the way to the closet to retrieve the vacuum attachment.

I, too, can recall dragging my feet like an eight-year-old, even in high school, when told to clean my room.

However, it is my opinion that the first place these robots will become popular is not in the greedy hands of our lazy children. Instead, I think these autonomous robots will first become popular in the hands of the military.

The production of a robot that has the ability to observe the situation around it, react properly and complete a military task would be supremely valuable for a multitude of reasons. The most important of these, obviously, would be the ability of these robots to keep the loss of human lives to a minimum.

Although there are obviously other benefits to these robots, I would like to point to a question that lurks in my mind: How ethical is the use of a self-autonomous robot in war?

Obviously, this question is purely devoid of Isaac Asimov's three rules for robots, but if the military did one day decide to use purely automated robots against humans, what are the ethical implications of that?

America, as one of the most technologically advanced societies, would likely be one of the first countries to get robots, and the problem as I see it is that America would be too quick to use these robots for its personal gain.

I find it hard to believe that America would be the next Nazi Germany in terms of conquest, but I can very easily imagine the unlawful use of force in the Middle East to obtain oil.

In all honesty, President Bush and his staff have duped the American citizens into a war on an idea and in doing so somehow gained enough support for the invasion of a country which supposedly harbors this idea.

Is it that unimaginable for our country's government to continue to pull the wool over America's eyes?

Worse than the thought of the government using autonomous robots for unlawful force

is the thought that these robots could make mistakes while attempting to maintain order during their mission to obtain oil. To me, it seems too easy for a sharp movement to be mistaken as a sign of aggression, leaving an entire group of men slaughtered because Johnny in the corner developed a wicked itch on his rear. It's a funny thought, but I can see it happening.

Even greater than my fear that America will use automated robots for external force is the thought that they would use them to curb some type of growing unrest inside its own borders.

Think about it: If the government decided to limit use of these robots to the government itself, how in the world could our nation possibly stop them?

Some of the questions that arise here are the same questions I have concerning other parts of the government.

In the end, however, I suppose it really boils down to one major question concerning the government and its relation to the people: In this day and age, if the people of today considered the government too powerful, how would we go about changing it?

If history has taught us anything, it's that a revolt with much bloodshed would probably be necessary to truly change the way the government works. Do we as Americans see ourselves capable of that?

Although more recent history, such as Kosovo's break from Serbia, would suggest that a more peaceful solution is possible, does it seem possible for our government to give up power the way Serbia has?

As an opinions writer, I harp on the government and its increasing foray into the public lives of the American citizen. frequently, but it is beginning to seem as if I am the only person who worries.

The threat to our civil liberties grows, and we as Americans do not stand tall. To me, the true realization of "1984" does not seem too far off.

Now, I know you're asking yourself, "What does this have to do with the ethics of robots?" but in a conversation with a friend, it occurred to me that perhaps the use of automated robots to curb the growing voice of the American public will be the only way for people to realize that the government is encroaching on our personal lives.

I know the government's approach is small, and I know it's subtle, but if we aren't careful, one day we'll have our backs to the door with metal fists in our faces.

Suddenly the phrase "Hasta la vista, baby" seems much more closely related to our freedom than ever before.

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## PAWS UP, PAWS DOWN

All police dogs in Duesseldorf, Germany are being treated to a brand new pair of blue shoes to wear while on duty. Feet are crucial assets for these pups.



Four strands of George Washington's hair were sold at auction Friday night to a Richmond, Va. man. He paid \$17,000.



The Florida Marlins franchise is creating an all-male, plus-size cheerleading squad to be dubbed the Manatees. Tryouts were scheduled for Sunday.



A Detroit-area restaurant owner says he's got the biggest burger ever: the burger weighed 134 pounds. Word is it's free if you can eat it all in one sitting. Just kidding.



## COMMENTARY

## Voter turnout

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Columnist



One of the great ironies of America's perception as a global leader in democracy (and there are many) is that our voter participation, quite frankly, sucks. According to a study performed by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, the United States ranks 139th (at 48.3%) in voter participation among countries that have held elections since 1945.

There is no doubt that many Americans see their country as the de facto keeper of democratic principles, and as evidenced by foreign policy rhetoric of the past century, democracy is considered to be our most important ideological export. Using this line of thinking, many would have you believe that the terrorists hate us because of our freedom and because the United States is keeper of all things good and noble. This argument conjures up images of an elderly James Madison sitting by the fire with a corn-cob pipe in hand, glass of scotch on the table next to the kerosene lantern, discussing democratic theory while the world eagerly sits and listens. I have a feeling James would get pissed and throw the kerosene lantern against the wall if he knew that less than half of the Americans eligible to choose representatives actually participated in the process.

What must be done to get more people to vote? I think we should make fewer people eligible.

James Madison said, "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance: And a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." In essence, an ignorant populace may not be considered fit for self-governance.

I'm sure that this readership realizes that the Founding Fathers never intended for the majority of the population to have a say in electing representatives. However, that fact should not take away from the importance and the necessity of the various suffrage movements that have occurred in American history. There are very few voices in America who would call for the revocation of the 15th or 19th amendments, but limitations on voting rights should be able to be considered that are not drawn along property, gender or racial lines.

Because voting is granted to all citizens who are older than 18 years old, there is no limit to the extent of the ignorance of potential voters. None. Are you not disturbed by the fact that the same people who

watch "Date my Mom," eat pork rinds, or go to Chapel Hill are deciding who will be the leader(s) of the free world? There are eligible voters who don't know where the capitol of the United States is, don't know that there are three branches of government, have no clue what the differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate are, and only see the words "checks" and "balances" together when they write one for a dime bag (I realize that there are plenty of PhDs who write checks for dime bags - please hold the mail).

That is why I propose that a civics competency exam be instituted to determine voter eligibility. This exam will have several desired effects. First, the number of people who vote for Obama because he has nice teeth or John McCain because ex-POWs are sexy will be reduced. Hopefully as the ignorance of the constituency is minimized so will the ignorance of the candidates and their policies.

Secondly, if a candidate may assume a generally informed voting population, one would hope that empty rhetoric and lowest denominator conniving would be somewhat reduced. This hope may overestimate political ethics and the precedent of empty discourse but there would be increased accountability to keep the debates and the advertisements substantive.

Also, with voting viewed as more of a privilege, voter turnout would increase as educated individuals consider their vote to be more valuable in the absence of watered-down ballot stabbing. For those unable to pass the competency exam, free study guides and volunteer-staffed classes would be available in several languages to help those without other means prepare to pass the exam and earn the right to vote.

Unfortunately, the implementation of this plan meets with the well-meaning and compassionate counter-argument that says that it is those who are least able to represent themselves that need to be able to elect representatives. In order for the limiting of voting rights to work, one must have faith in the more educated population to care for the needs of the oppressed and less fortunate. Admittedly, this is a difficult faith to have.

What should be considered is whether or not those who do not understand the basics of American government are really capable of making the best decisions in their own self interest in the voting booth. If the government finds it necessary to protect its citizens from 12 year old drivers and 20 year old drinkers, perhaps a protection against ignorant self-governors is appropriate and necessary.

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Richard A. Epstein is the James Parker Hall Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago Law School and is the Director of the Law and Economics Program. Epstein is the author of over a dozen books and hundreds of articles on a diverse array of topics including antitrust law, property rights, intellectual property, medical ethics, eminent domain, tort law, contracts, legal theory, constitutional history, and many more.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 4:15)

**Place:** Self Auditorium in the Strom Thurmond Institute on the Clemson University campus

**Details:** This event is free and open to the public. The lecture will be followed by a brief question and answer period. Limited employee and visitor parking is available at the Strom Thurmond Institute. Visitors to the Clemson campus should proceed to the visitor's center (109 Daniel Dr. in Clemson) to obtain a temporary parking pass.





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# SPORTS

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## Strength through adversity

Lady Tigers come together for the ACC Championships.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Carmen Groenewoud swims breaststroke in the ACC Championships.

**SARAH PORRI**  
STAFF WRITER

Even with Clemson swimming and diving head coach Christopher Ip suspended and the disqualification of two relays, the Clemson women's swimming and diving team put forth a valiant effort and finished fifth at this year's ACC Championships in Atlanta, Ga., last week.



Parkhurst

"I know that going into this meet physically everyone was feeling pretty good," said senior diver Dani Ka-

zilionis. "But what I think made the biggest difference was that mentally, we were ready perform."

The meet began Wednesday night with two relays, the 200-yard medley relay and the 800-yard freestyle relay. The Clemson relay team of Ashley Clay, Katrina Obas, Alex Allen and Lauren Sindall finished fifth with a NCAA-B qualifying time of 1:42.05 seconds. Half an hour later, the Lady Tigers lit it up again with the 800-yard freestyle relay. J

Junior Michelle Parkhurst swam in the first position giving the ladies a commanding lead with her lead off time of 1:44.74 seconds. This is an NCAA-A qualifying time along with an ACC record, Georgia Tech pool record and a Clemson school record.

If that wasn't enough, Parkhurst's time is also the second fastest in the NCAA this year. Parkhurst

along with fellow juniors Summer O'Donnell, Cassy LaRussa and Rachel Regone touched the wall in third place only to find out a few minutes later that they had been disqualified for an early take off. After the first night, the Clemson women were in 10th place.

"Despite a rough start and a few mishaps in the meet, the team was right there to bring up the teammate that was feeling down," said Parkhurst.

After a night's rest, the Lady Tigers bounced back with a very strong preliminary session. Many Lady Tigers swam fast enough to move up in the rankings and qualify for finals that evening. The distance trio of LaRussa, O'Donnell and Sarah Smith scored solid points for the Tigers in the 500-yard freestyle as they finished 10th, 11th and 14th. LaRussa and O'Donnell both had career best times in this event, proving that the Lady Tigers were fighting back in every swim.

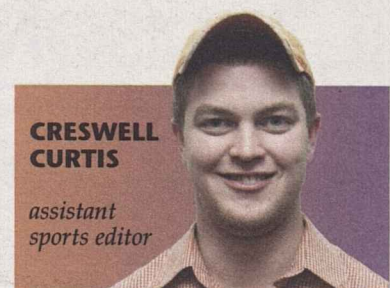
In the 200-yard individual medley, sophomore Katrina Obas swam a career best time in the preliminary session with a 2:01.74 seconds, a NCAA-B qualifying standard. She placed sixth that night with her second best career time of 2:02.08. Teammate Carmen Groenewoud also scored points for the Lady Tigers with her career best time of 2:04.21, just off the NCAA-B time.

The 50 freestyle was a solid event for the Lady Tigers as Rachel Regone placed second with an NCAA-A time of 22.54 seconds, and teammate Lauren Sindall took sixth with an NCAA-B cut of 23.17 seconds. In the bonus heat, Alex Allen came back from a morning swim to win the bonus heat with a time of 23.40 seconds. These Lady Tiger sprinters were sitting in a good position going into defending their 200-yard freestyle relay later on that night.

"I think this was a very different year for the Tigirls," said senior co-captain Peg Carter. "We

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## Cheap seats are the best seats



**CRESWELL CURTIS**

assistant  
sports editor

Baseball tailgating at Clemson puts other schools to shame, even creating a better atmosphere than other football tailgates. If you are a fan of Carolina Cup or Bonaroo, Clemson baseball tailgating will be the time of your life. Clemson tailgates are arguably the best in the nation, and I don't care what event that might be. While not a fan of baseball tailgating growing up, my time here at Clemson has provided me with an evolving appreciation and passion for the event outside of the event. Here's my breakdown of the progression of baseball tailgating over the better part of a decade that has been my time at Clemson, as experienced with my fraternity brothers and friends.

### Freshman Year (2003)

At this point in my career, my rookie status did not provide me with much in the way of insight. My friends would get together in the early parts of the morning and decide whose vehicle would be "donated for the cause." That most gracious humanitarian would then drive their truck around to right field and back it up near the outfield fence. As the afternoon wore on, someone would acquire a keg/cooler/grocery bag full of drinks and place it in the truck. That was the tailgate. A bunch of drunken college students sitting in the bed of a pickup truck yelling rambunctiously at the opposing right fielder all game long. We, as students, became so notorious for our efforts that we received publicized recognition.

Coaches and players were polled at one point in the spring concerning aspects of ACC baseball. Who had the best stadium? Who had the best tradition? Where was the best travel location? Who had the best fans? One question asked players to name the worst place to play a baseball game in the conference. An overwhelming majority voted Clemson. Many of us could not figure out why anyone would think that a spring afternoon in the Upstate was a bad place to play a baseball game. That is until we noticed that every response specifically referenced right field as the hardest place to concentrate. While we normally are quite proud

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## Tigers start strong against Mercer

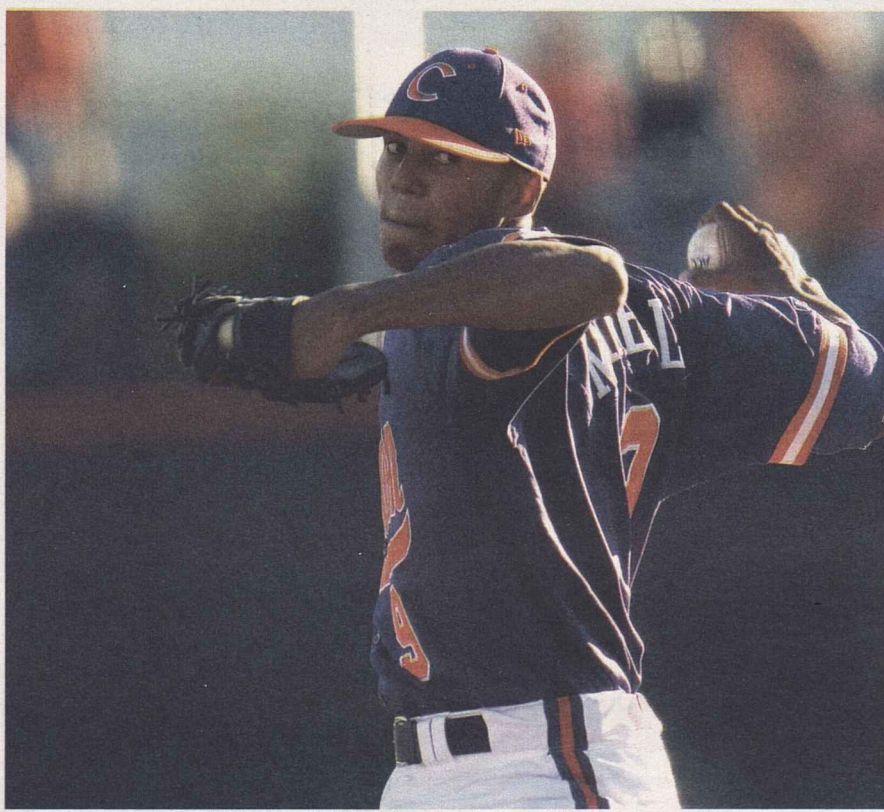
Players shine individually and as a team to come out of the season opener undefeated.

**WILL MCCAMERON**  
STAFF WRITER

The baseball season kicked off on Feb. 17 at the baseball banquet in which coach Leggett honored former coach Bill Wilhelm and announced IPTAY's new \$10 million drive to upgrade Doug Kingsmore Stadium. But as far as the actual season goes, opening weekend for Clemson baseball started off on a dreary note, as the Friday game in the series of three against Mercer was postponed to Saturday afternoon. The following day couldn't have found a more typical day to play baseball on.

The expected star for Clemson, Doug Hogan, showed up big time for the Tigers as he had five hits including three doubles and a home run. What was unexpected was the showing of the very young team. Freshman Chris Epps went six for 10 hitting, including his first home run as a collegiate player. Sophomore Wilson Boyd went five for 12 with six RBIs and three (yes, three) home runs. Boyd had just two home runs in all of last year. Also impressive in their first outing as collegiate baseball players were red shirt freshman pitcher Graham Stoneburner, freshman catcher John Nester and freshman first baseman Kyle Parker. Parker is also a highly-touted quarterback that will be joining the Tiger football team later this spring.

Considering the weekend's events, many expected a sweep of Mercer to be an easy take, but the mission wasn't as easy as it might seem. Mercer is a squad comprised with many veterans that went down to Miami last year and nearly swept the Hurricanes, a perennial ACC contender. The performance that the incredibly young team had, especially considering the play of our true freshman, was an incredible outing and should do wonders for confidence at the beginning of the season.



BRIAN SCHNEIDER/photo editor

Junior pitcher/outfielder D.J. Mitchell gave a strong performance in Saturday's second game. The Tigers went 3-0 in the weekend series against Mercer.

### TIGER SCHEDULE

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sunday 3/2  
Maryland  
7:30 p.m.  
College Park, Md.

Thursday 3/6  
Georgia Tech  
7 p.m.  
Atlanta, Ga.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday 3/1  
Florida State  
7 p.m.  
Tallahassee, Fla.

Thursday 3/6  
ACC Tournament starts  
TBA  
Greensboro, N.C.

#### BASEBALL

Saturday-Sunday  
3/1-2  
South Carolina  
1:30 p.m. (Sat.)  
Columbia, S.C.  
2 p.m. (Sun.)  
Clemson, S.C.

#### SWIMMING/DIVING

Men  
Friday-Saturday  
2/29-3/1  
ACC Men's Championships  
All Day  
Atlanta, Ga.

#### MEN'S GOLF

Friday-Sunday  
2/29-3/2  
Puerto Rico Classic  
All Day  
Rio Mar, Puerto Rico

#### MEN'S/WOMEN'S TRACK

Friday-Saturday  
2/29-3/1  
ACC Indoor  
Championships  
TBA  
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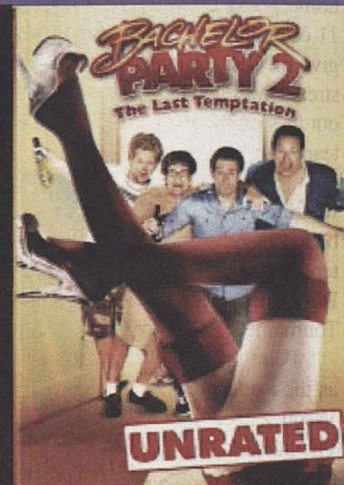
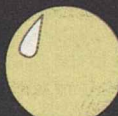


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# Miami done; Terps to come

Trip to Maryland will play big part in NCAA tournament chances.

**HUNTER KNOWLES**  
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson Tigers (20-7, 8-5 in the ACC) will look to solidify their NCAA Tournament chances on Sunday with a win over streaky Maryland (17-12, 7-7 in the ACC). The Tigers will try to tame the hostile environment of the Comcast Center, but the task will not be easy. Maryland is dominating games at home, going 17-2. At one point last week, the Terrapins had won 11 of their last 14 games, including a win at North Carolina to give the Tar Heels their first loss of the season. Since the hot streak, the team lost three of four. The most notable is the blow-out loss on the road against Miami. The Terrapins are a young team that has shown improvement over the course of the year, but the grind of playing in the ACC every week may finally be wearing them down. Only a few weeks ago, Maryland looked to be a contender from the ACC but now may be labeled as a pretender. Maryland is still alive and has a slim chance to get in the Big Dance. If the Terrapins want to make a case for an NCAA Tournament bid, a win over Clemson becomes a must.

Point guard Greivis Vasquez from Venezuela has emerged as the leader for the Terrapins. Averaging 17.5 points a game, Vasquez scored over 25 points in three of his last six games. The talented sophomore also leads the team in assists with 6.7 a game. Clemson must get pressure on the young Vasquez and force him to make bad decisions. Turnovers have not haunted Maryland this year, but if the full court press is effective Vasquez will find it hard to establish an offensive rhythm.

Guard Eric Hayes has also stepped up his play as of late. As a freshman, Hayes only averaged 4.8 points a game, but in his sophomore campaign is averaging 10.4. The Virginia native is

more of a catch-and-shoot type guard and will be matched up against Clemson's KC Rivers for most of the night.

The Terrapins do not live or die based on three-point shots. The team is second from last in three-point attempts. Maryland counts on points in the paint to win games. Forwards James Gist and Bambale Osby are two of the better post players in the league. The duo makes their high percentage shots, Gist converting 50 percent and Osby 52 percent. The two are also dominant on the glass, picking up a combined average of 14 rebounds a game. Look for Clemson's James Mays and Trevor Booker to battle with these two Maryland stars; the winner down low will win the game. Sophomore Landon Milbourne will be Maryland's fifth starter on Sunday. The forward is not as consistent as the Terrapins other starters, but could play a deciding role in the outcome of the game. If the Tigers can keep Milbourne quiet in the first half, he will fade. In four of Maryland's last five wins, Milbourne has scored more than 11 points, but when the forward gets in early foul trouble, he becomes a non-factor.

As a whole, Maryland averages a modest 75 points a game while also giving up 75 points a game. Don't expect a high scoring game, especially when considering Clemson's pesky defense only giving up 73 points a game. This game could come down to free throws, where Maryland holds a distinct advantage over the Tigers. Maryland has made 73 percent from the free throw line compared to Clemson's conference low 57.5.

Traveling to College Park is not quite as terrifying as it was a few years ago, but ask Oliver Purnell if he feels comfortable playing any game on the road in the ACC. Every coach in the conference knows that ACC road games are where tournament dreams are fulfilled or shattered. Clemson needs to take this one in College Park.



Freshman Demontez Stitt drives to the basket during Wednesday's win over Miami. Clemson will take their momentum to a road battle at Maryland this weekend.

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Fans often show their loyalty at games, but few groups are as loyal to the Clemson baseball team as the Cheap Seats. Platform-style seating beyond the outfield fence has created a unique atmosphere that is unlike any other in collegiate baseball.

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of the pristine image we all have of our Clemson home, this is one of the few instances I have ever witnessed where students were proud of negative press. Opposing teams be damned.

### Sophomore Year (2004)

After being introduced to the game beyond the game, I was introduced to the first of many challenges.

First, the outfield fence was brought in by a substantial 10 feet. For years, Clemson's homerun production was behind that of Florida State and other ACC competition on account of their home-field disadvantage. In an effort to even the playing field, Clemson elected to move in the outfield fence.

This provided additional seating, but no real opportunity for tailgating innovation. True creativity continued outside the stadium grounds.

The most drastic of changes came in tailgating location. Our beloved right field location was taken over for construction purposes.

Many students were now left with sitting outside Doug Kingsmore stadium without a view of the action. My friends and I resorted to gathering around a pick-up truck, windows down and radio up, listening to the game with a slight advanced notice of something big every time the crowd cheered loudly from within. While still an opportunity for drinking, Jervey Meadows just was not able to occupy our minds and attention as the game had done the previous year. Instead, that attention was now focused on what any seasoned veteran will tell you is crucial to the tailgating experience: food and lots of it.

My friends and I began to bring small grills with a "bring your own" mentality to food. We were only worried about feeding the handful of us who attended baseball tailgates on a regular basis, but, as more and more people began to attend, the concern of feeding people grew to a magnitude we

couldn't handle with just a George Foreman and a box of burgers. We needed heavy duty firepower to support the growing army of baseball tailgaters. The next season, we brought out the big guns.

### Junior Year (2005)

Apparently, we weren't the only ones concerned with food.

By the 2005 season, the metal scaffolding in right field had reached completion. I don't know who they are, but the far-reaching aroma of their cooking prowess let me know early on that they knew what they were doing with a grill. Currently known as the "Cajun Kitchen," right field had become a more polished version of our hell-raising tailgaters. As I said before, the evolution was occurring elsewhere as well.

Anyone who has ever experienced football tailgates at Clemson knows that it is a sight to behold. Clemson's tailgating environment has drawn praise and respect from many fans and critics alike over the years.

It was our intention to introduce the world to the spring season of the sport of tailgating.

We brought out the tent to mark off space. We brought out our pull-from-behind cooker and deep-fryers to handle the food. We brought tables and coolers to house the food and drinks. We brought the tools of the trade to take our game to the next level, and did it pay off.

Friends would stop by our tailgate to hang out, completely apart from the baseball game. It was as though the tailgates had become the primary event and the baseball game was the backdrop. It was as though people just needed a reason to do it. You have to wonder why no one has ever tried to tailgate on a weekday for class. Other groups began to bring to tents and host tailgates for large crowds. And as the crowds got bigger, people began to wander back towards the game.

### Senior Year(s) (2006, 2007)

Things began to level off at this point for two reasons. First, I don't think students could handle the intensity of a football tailgate two

and three times a week. Second, we had an incredibly talented team in 2006. This team won the ACC tournament and made it to Omaha as the number one overall seed of the postseason. When there's a good team in town people want to watch, and people will get creative to make it happen.

At first, the idea of scaffolding was a primitive one. Not everyone has a spare bus to park for the season. People began to stand on anything from coolers to the fence in an attempt to catch the action. On several occasions, the in-game announcer had to remind patrons to clear the area in front of the "batter's eye," the large green wall in center field placed to increase the batter's visibility of the baseball. So if they couldn't get in front, but they could get beside, there was only one way to go. Up.

The following year, platforms and scaffolding began to emerge all along the outfield fence. The wood seemed to grow from the bushes as though they were one. It was and still is one of the most unique atmospheres I have ever seen. I loved it. Apparently, so did a lot of other people.

### Master's (This year)

During the season opener against Mercer last Saturday afternoon, a radio announcer began to call attention to the various groups beyond the fence. The Bushpigs. The Cheap Seats. The Back Porch. The Busch League. Every platform has begun to develop its own personality, and the team is responding. After redshirt sophomore Wilson Boyd hit two homeruns in the third inning of Sunday's game, he was greeted with loud cheering by the Busch League in left field. He saluted the platform with the respect of an ally in arms. Freshman Chris Epps has a personal fan club in center field. The Back Porch continually chanted out throughout the game, spelling Epps' name for the entire crowd to hear. There were even times when the outfield platforms would start cheers of "Clemson - Tigers" from one to the other until the rest of the crowd joined. However, one group stands

above the rest when it comes to involvement with the team. The Cheap Seats.

The Cheap Seats have been at Clemson baseball games before my career even began. This group of students started as fans on a bus and has become a baseball tradition.

The evolution of baseball tailgating is chronicled in the improvements to their set-up. A bus became a wooden platform, which became stadium seating. Coolers became couches, which have since added railings and a grill worthy of a patio deck. Yet the importance of the Cheap Seats reaches beyond tailgating to deep within the dugout.

At the end of every game, the players stand and face the first-base side, singing the Clemson Alma mater. Come the end of the song, every player points their cap towards the Cheap Seats, thanking them for their support.

However, the emotional connection between the two groups can be seen every time Clemson wins a regional or super regional at Doug Kingsmore Stadium. In a Southern version of the Lambeau Leap, Clemson baseball players are often seen running from the field to the outfield fence, jumping up to celebrate with their most dedicated fans. However, the future may not see the Cheap Seats if special care is not taken.

The recent announcement of the new Baseball Capital Campaign has revealed the future plans to expand seating to the leftfield outfield. This will eliminate much of the current platform seating, but it leads one to wonder what will happen to other areas beyond the fence. It is my humble opinion that every care should be taken to preserve the Cheap Seats and the tradition they have become.

From appearances in collegiate baseball video games to television appearances, the Cheap Seats have become the Howard's Rock of baseball. In the better part of a decade in which I have been at Clemson, there is no doubt in my mind that the Cheap Seats are the best seats in the house.

# Ip dipped from squad

Clemson coach is indefinitely dismissed from team.

DANIEL TAYLOR  
SPORTS EDITOR

With the ACC championships on the horizon, Clemson's athletic department chose to suspend swimming coach Christopher Ip for violations that began last year. The conflict occurred when Ip allowed a transferring swimmer to compete with the team during



Christopher Ip

two exhibition meets. The student-athlete's performance resulted in no points for the Tigers during the meet, and the event did not count toward Clemson's win-loss record. Even though the athlete's participation resulted in nothing meaningful for Clemson, the NCAA considered the un-official exhibition a competition and ruled that the swimmer's participation was against regulations. A final ruling is still pending in this case.

In order to appear completely orderly during these accusations, Clemson choose to suspend Coach Ip indefinitely. While this sort of reaction isn't unheard of, this decision could not have come at a worse time for the Tigers. The swim team's most important events, the ACC championship and NCAAs, are just around the corner. Ip will not even be allowed in the building for upcoming Men's event in Atlanta from Feb. 27-March 1.

Both of Ip's teams finished with a winning record this season. The men ended with a 12-6 record (6-2 in ACC). The women posted a mark of 8-7 (3-5 in conference).

In Ip's absence, assistant coaches Steve Phillips and Leslie Hasselbach will take over the men's and women's teams, respectively.

Despite the trying situation, the women performed well in the ACC championships, finishing fifth overall. Junior Michelle Parkhurst received the ACC's most valuable swimmer. However, the Lady Tigers were disqualified in two events for an early jump, and a fourth-place finish could have been possible without those mistakes. The presence of Ip might have prevented these mental mistakes.

The season is not over for the Lady Tigers. The top performers, who had NCAA qualifying times, will still have to compete without their head coach.

Adding to the pressure of the situation, coach-Phillips will be leaving the team, as his wife has accepted a job away from Clemson. The Tigers will be left with only Hasselbach and Lance Asti, a second-year coach at Clemson, to lead the squad.

It should be noted that this suspension could also strongly affect the Tigers' recruiting efforts. Should a potential student-athlete visit the campus, only two assistant coaches are available to speak with the individual.





# Clemson <sup>VS.</sup> South Carolina

BRANDON BOATWRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Baseball season in Clemson is finally here, and the Tigers started their season off right with a three-game sweep of Mercer this past weekend. Jack Leggett's Tigers (4-0) now turn their attention to one of their tougher match-ups of the season right out of the gate with in-state rival South Carolina.

The Gamecocks (2-1) also opened their season this past weekend with a home series against East Carolina University. South Carolina was able to split two games of a doubleheader on Saturday and sneak past the Pirates in 11 innings on Sunday. Both teams were able to put up gaudy offensive numbers in their opening series. The Gamecocks scored 33 runs in three games, and the Tigers managed to plate 28 while giving up 15 and 13 runs, respectively.

Clemson hit .358 against Mercer and was led offensively by sophomore Wilson Boyd who hit three homeruns and drove in six. Boyd became the first Tiger since 2001, fourth in school history, to hit two homeruns in the same inning. Tiger fresh-

man Chris Epps was also impressive in his debut with Clemson. The rookie outfielder went six for 10 and blasted his first homerun as a Tiger during the second game of the double-header on Saturday. Senior catcher Doug Hogan also added five hits, including three doubles and a homerun.

Clemson's pitching staff also performed well over the weekend. Game one starter, Ryan Hinson, earned his first win of the season allowing just two runs on five hits in 5.0 innings pitched. Junior D.J. Mitchell got the starting nod in the second game of the double-header on Saturday and picked up the win despite a shaky start. Mitchell gave up three runs in the top of the second inning but settled down and allowed just one more hit in his 5.0 innings pitched. Red-shirt freshman Graham Stoneburner pitched five scoreless innings in game three, picking up his first win of the season. The Tigers played well on defense as well, committing just one error.

Two hours down Interstate 26, the Gamecocks were opening their 2008 cam-

paign against the ECU Pirates. The first game of the double-header was all USC. Ray Tanner's squad piled on 22 runs, the third largest total in Opening-Day history for the Gamecocks. Game two was a different story. ECU dropped 13 runs on the Gamecocks and won 13-4.

The Gamecocks were able to come back and take the rubber game between the two on Sunday. South Carolina overcame a one-run deficit coming into the bottom of the 11th inning to squeak past the Pirates with a Kyle Enders bases loaded walk-off single.

First baseman Justin Smoak led the Gamecocks over the weekend with five hits, two of which were homers, and five RBIs. The Gamecocks hit .331 as a team and powered for nine homeruns.

The Tigers hope to improve on last year's 1-3 record against their in-state rivals. Clemson leads the overall series between the two 163-114-2. Saturday's game at Sarge-Frye Field starts at 1:30 p.m., and Sunday's game is back in Clemson with a 2 p.m. start.

## BASEBALL AMERICA

### TOP 25

1. Arizona
2. Mississippi
3. UCLA
4. North Carolina
5. Missouri
6. Arizona State
7. Vanderbilt
8. Michigan
9. Miami
10. South Carolina
11. Long Beach State
12. Oregon State
13. Baylor
14. Texas
15. Rice
16. Virginia
17. San Diego
18. Tulane
19. Clemson
20. Wichita State
21. Oklahoma State
22. San Diego State
23. Cal State Fullerton
24. Fresno State
25. Louisiana-Lafayette



## Standings

| School            | Conf. | Overall |
|-------------------|-------|---------|
| ATLANTIC DIVISION |       |         |
| Clemson           | 0-0   | 4-0     |
| Florida State     | 0-0   | 3-0     |
| Boston College    | 0-0   | 2-1     |
| N.C. State        | 0-0   | 2-1     |
| Wake Forest       | 0-0   | 1-2     |
| Maryland          | 0-0   | 1-3     |
| COASTAL DIVISION  |       |         |
| Duke              | 0-0   | 5-0     |
| Georgia Tech      | 0-0   | 4-0     |
| Miami             | 0-0   | 3-0     |
| Virginia          | 0-0   | 4-0     |
| North Carolina    | 0-0   | 3-1     |
| Virginia Tech     | 0-0   | 1-3     |

### OFFENSIVE KEY TO THE SERIES

The Tigers must score early and often. In the Mercer series, Clemson scored 16 of its 28 runs in the third inning alone. If the Tigers can establish an early lead, capitalize on opportunities, and put some pressure on the USC pitching staff, they stand a great chance of forcing the Gamecocks to make mistakes.

### PITCHING KEY TO THE SERIES

Patience. USC is loaded with offensive firepower, and the Tiger pitchers must be aggressive but remain patient at the same time when approaching the Gamecocks' order. Clemson must also utilize the experience that they have. The Tigers used 12 pitchers against Mercer, half of which were making their debut in a Clemson uniform.

### X FACTOR

Clemson was without the services of sophomore outfielder Addison Johnson, who was nursing a sore hamstring against Mercer. Johnson, who made the transition to centerfield this season, has been heralded by Coach Leggett as one of the most improved players on the squad from last year. His contribution at the plate and in the field could be a great asset if he's ready to go.

### KEY MATCH-UP

The biggest match-up of this series is not one that you will see on the field, but rather will be a battle between two baseball masterminds. Jack Leggett (652-282 at Clemson) and Ray Tanner (502-221 at USC) will square off for the 40th time as coaches of their current programs. These two successful coaches will be playing a chess match that will be more intense than any match-up on the field.

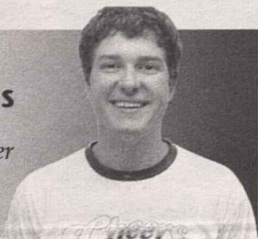


# ESPN gives NHL cold shoulder

The worldwide leader in sports has nearly banned hockey from station.

**RYAN LAUNIUS**

staff writer



When ESPN began in 1979 it was merely viewed as a mom and pop type of channel which nobody thought would survive for long.

The premise was a media source that could supply its audience with an unbiased view at the current happenings in the sports world in order to quench the yearnings of sports fanatics nationwide. Since those early days ESPN has become a sports monolith which herds the lambs it calls viewers into watching whatever sport the network has signed a contract with most recently, while shunning its undesired sports through passive-aggressive means.

The National Hockey League is the most recent sport that has been exiled by the big wigs at ESPN. The self proclaimed "worldwide leader in sports" spent years downplaying and

cutting hockey's highlights from its award winning show "Sportscenter" and finally found a reason to almost completely cut the sport from seeing air time during the NHL lockout during the 2004-2005 season.

ESPN's contract with the NHL was dropped due to "low viewer ratings" for its desired market during the lockout that allowed the league to create a new collective bargaining agreement. And with the departure of ESPN's contract with the NHL, so too went the television program "NHL 2Nite" and every single hockey analyst except for Barry Melrose, who was presumably saved merely for comedic mullet jokes.

Despite the sports network's denial of downplaying the National Hockey League, television researchers have clocked the time spent talking about hockey's playoffs in May 2007 versus the last May under ESPN's contract with the NHL in 2004. What these analysts found was that in just three years hockey has had 28 percent of its air time cut from "Sportscenter." But what could make a media mammoth so angry at a sports league that

was once one of the most prominent in the country?

The only answer to that question is that ESPN has its own agenda to fill, and, as far as the once fledgling station cares, every fan in America can take a backseat while it drives the trends. Since the dismissal of the NHL contract, viewers have seen a spike in the coverage of NASCAR, NBA, MLS, off-season NFL and even Arena Football. The only thing that each of those sports share in common is ESPN's billions of dollars that have stakes claimed in each league.

The contract with NASCAR is deserved, as every race over the past three years has recorded higher viewer ratings than even the most-watched Red Sox vs. Yankees game this past baseball season. But what often baffles hardcore hockey fans is the willingness of ESPN to air Arena Football games and repeatedly show highlights on "Sportscenter" while neglecting to even show NHL highlights past the original six of Detroit, Toronto, Montreal, New York, Chicago and Boston.

NHL's All-Star game took place a little less than a month ago in Atlanta,

but most hockey fans would have had to go out of their way just to even read a column explaining what happened in the skills competition or the game itself. But the fans who did go out of their way to witness the events saw feats such as Mats Sundin shooting almost perfect on the targets competition or Zdeno Chara's blistering 103.7 mile-per-hour shot on goal to win the power competition.

None of these were even mentioned under the breath of any ESPN anchor, and yet two weeks removed from the dull NBA All-Star game everyone still sees replays of Dwight Howard's superman dunk whenever they turn on their televisions. Even the freak injury of Zdeno Chara was more heavily-covered by ESPN than the actual NHL All-Star game.

Hockey's slow and steady decline in presence on television has been countered by speculation and predictions for the future of other sports. Rather than talking about the present day sports, such as a current Bruins game or the Western Conference standings, ESPN resorts to celebrating the release of the NFL schedule five months before a team even reports for its first practice. The week the Super Bowl is finished, the NFL draft becomes the key talking point of almost every Sportscenter episode.

But while Sportscenter debates a sport that isn't even being played for months to come, the rest of ESPN's channels devote themselves to bringing fans the latest news in poker, bowling and 8-ball. These cheap filler

"sports" seem like child's play when compared to Rick Nash's daring drive down the ice between two defenders to score a last second goal for Columbus. If the common fan were asked whether he or she would rather watch an "athlete" draw a royal flush or watch two teams in a shootout in overtime, which is the obvious choice?

Yet at the same time, an informed sports fan can see where ESPN gets off on exiling the NHL. American fans have a tough time relating to players who are predominantly from Europe and Canada. Many players speak little to no English when first coming to the NHL which causes a barrier between the fans and the athletes. Also, league Commissioner Gary Bettman is historically a stubborn negotiator who is not willing to settle for less money than soccer for an ESPN contract.

But little league hockey is still commonplace in the United States, and as much as it pains ESPN to admit it, there is still a large market for the NHL. With young superstars like Alexander Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby present in the league, the NHL has not been this marketable in over a decade.

Whether it is seeing players like Ilya Kovalchuk take slapshots that seemingly leave smoke trails behind the puck, watching Joe Thornton revive the San Jose Sharks, or even getting to view instant replays of George Parros laying it to someone in-a-free for all, the NHL has a lot to offer to sports fans everywhere. Let's just hope ESPN realizes that before it is too late.

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went through so many hard times from the first week on, and I think we made commitments to each other and our program from the very start. I think for ACC's we finally decided we were going to have fun and trust that the times would be there, and it worked."

The diving competition took place alongside finals each night. Senior Kazilionis came into the finals sixth and moved up three spots to finish third in the one-meter competition with a score of 269.00 points, an NCAA Zone qualifying score. Fellow diver Stephanie Fura also scored points for the Lady Tigers finishing 14th.

"I will remember most about that day was sharing that moment with a coach that had helped me to achieve it," said Kazilionis about her third place finish.

Last year, the Lady Tigers won the 200-yard freestyle relay with Regone, Sindall, senior Kallie Deters and Parkhurst. This year, they came back as defending champions with a new addition to the relay, sophomore transfer Alex Allen.

The race was tight going into the final leg with Parkhurst anchoring. Stepping up to the challenge, Parkhurst chased down Virginia and out-touched the Cavaliers by almost a half second. Parkhurst's split was an astonishing 22.40 seconds. Their time of 1:30.60 seconds was yet another Clemson,

ACC conference and ACC meet record as well as an NCAA-A qualifying time and the third fastest time in the nation this year.

After a well fought finals session, the Lady Tigers had moved from 10th place to fourth place in just one night.

Friday brought another strong effort by the Lady Tigers. Parkhurst continued to amaze the crowd by winning two ACC Championships in her 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke in the same night. Her time of 53.58 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke was yet another Clemson school record and just off another ACC record. Parkhurst already had the record in the 200-yard freestyle due to her efforts on Wednesday night in the relay and swam to another gold medal in this individual event with a time of 1:46.49 seconds.

"Every time a Tiger was in the water, she had a large cheering section of her teammates on the side of the pool," said Parkhurst.

The 400-yard individual medley brought out the talents of freshman Elizabeth Savage and teammate Groenewoud. Savage would place sixth in the finals heat with a time of 4:22.56, the fifth fastest time in Clemson history. Groenewoud also scored solid points for the Lady Tigers by finishing 12th in this event as well as 14th in the 100-yard breaststroke. Savage would later swim the 100-yard breaststroke in finals, placing eighth with her teammate Obas and finishing sixth with a

time of 1:03.28 seconds. Clay would represent the Lady Tigers in the 100-yard butterfly with a 16th place finish.

Another bump in the road for the Lady Tigers came in the final relay of the night. Parkhurst, Obas, Carter and Regone placed fifth but were disqualified due to an early take-off. There was one more day of competition still to come and the Lady Tigers were not done yet.

"The strength of this team is that we celebrate with our teammates who do well, and if a Tigirl did not have a good swim, or was feeling upset, the whole team reached down to help pull her back up," said Parkhurst.

The final day of swimming and diving saw a Lady Tiger team that would not give up. The distance teammates LaRussa and Mandy Snell combined to score much needed points for Clemson in the 1650-yard freestyle. LaRussa finished eighth with another career best time of 16:34.07 seconds, also an NCAA-B time, and Snell placed 15th.

"The atmosphere on the pool deck was really incredible, in four years I haven't seen a group of girls have so much fun together," said Kazilionis. "The adrenaline was running high and we were all able to channel it into our performances in a positive way. Everyone, whether it be in the pool or on the sidelines, put 100 percent of themselves into every race, and each and every dive."

Parkhurst would complete her hat trick of individual events, adding another gold medal in the 200-yard backstroke with an NCAA-A time of 1:55.33 seconds. Parkhurst is just the second swimmer in Clemson's history to win three ACC titles. The only other swimmer was former Olympian Mitzi Kremer.

For her efforts over the four days of competition, Parkhurst was rightfully named the ACC's Most Valuable Swimmer, voted on by the ACC coaches.

Coming back in the 100-yard freestyle, Regone finished eighth and Sindall took 13th with a time of 50.73 seconds, the seventh fastest time in Clemson history.

Savage and Obas would again team up in the final heat of the 200-yard breaststroke. Savage touched the wall in fifth place with a time of 2:16.63, the second fastest time in Clemson history. Obas finished sixth with another NCAA-B time of 2:17.17 seconds.

Not to be outdone, freshman Meggie Mizelle came from eighth place going into the final 100 of the 200-yard butterfly to finish fourth in her heat and 12th overall with a career best time of 2:02.82, and thus the Lady Tigers trailed by only seven points to fourth place holders Virginia Tech.

In the final relay of the meet, Lady Tigers Parkhurst, Sindall, O'Donnell and Regone finished fourth with a NCAA-B time of 3:21.35 seconds, the

second fastest time in Clemson history. Clemson would finish fifth for the second time, but will be ready next year as only two senior members of the group are graduating.

Also saying goodbye to the Clemson swimming and diving program is assistant coach Steve Phillips. Phillips has been with the program for four years and has contributed greatly to the success of this program. Phillips was the interim head coach for the Lady Tigers this past week and will be traveling with the Clemson men's team this week before heading out after the meet concludes. The Clemson swimming and diving program wishes Phillips the best of luck in his endeavors.

"When its all said and done, you don't remember the times so much as you do the amazing people you had the privilege of sharing your life with," said Carter. "I wouldn't have wanted it to end any other way."

A select group of Lady Tigers will travel to the NCAA Swimming Championships at the Ohio State University March 20-22. The Clemson men will have their shot this week as they travel to Atlanta for their ACC Championships.

"My goal for NCAA's is the same that it has been all year," said Parkhurst. "I want to make it back to finals and score. Our program's goal since I've been here has been to become a top 25 team, so I would really like to help make that goal a reality."

## Tennis back on track

MIKE MYLAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Clemson women's tennis team (4-6) was finally able to get things rolling in the right direction after a six-game losing streak. The Tigers traveled to Columbia to face an undefeated South Carolina Gamecocks team. The Gamecocks came into the contest boasting a perfect 6-0 record. However, the Tigers were able to take care of their opponent with ease sweeping the Cocks 7-0 and handing them their first loss of the season.

Ani Mijackica, the nation's No. 1 singles player, started the team off by defeating her opponent, Gira Schofield, 6-1 and 6-2. Mijackica, a Croatian native and only a sophomore, had her match in control and left little doubt as she took early leads, controlling the entire contest. This was Mijackica's seventeenth singles victory of the year, solidifying her spot as the number one player.

Many of the other matches were much closer than Mijackica's. For three Clemson players, Estefania Balda, Federica van Adrichem and Ina Hadziseimovic, the match came down to three sets. Van Adrichem's performance was one of the most impressive. After losing her first set 2-6, she was able to dominate the second two sets to win the match. Carol Salge and Alexandra Luc of Clemson both had impressive performances winning their matches 2-0.

Clemson also swept the doubles matches. Balda and Van Adrichem were the most impressive beating the South Carolina tandem of Miljana Jovic and Natasa Vuckovic. All three of the doubles matches were handled fairly easily by Clemson in an impressive performance.

The Tigers hopefully received a huge confidence boost from their victory, the first in almost a month.

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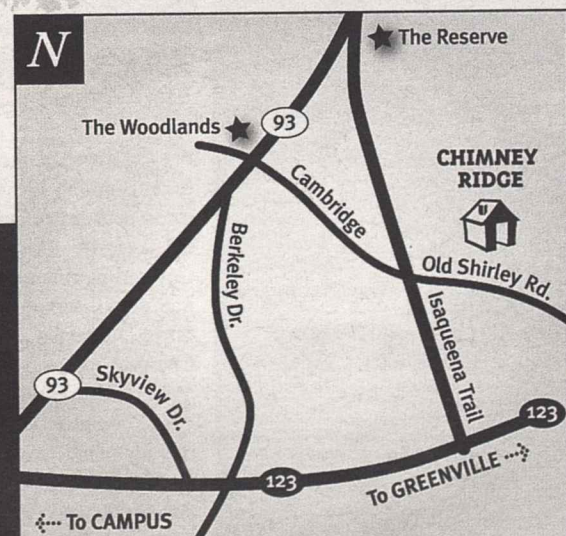
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## Upstate Calendar of Events

**2.29**

CU Jazz Ensemble at Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. Show at 8 p.m. Free for students.

**3.2**

Freshmen Basketball Game Viewing Party: Clemson vs. Maryland. Hendrix Student Center, Meeting Rooms A & B. Free.

**3.4**

CU Symphonic Band at the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts. Show at 8 p.m. Free for students.

Blue Man Group at the Bi-Lo Center. Show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$40.50.

4-ISH at the Peace Center. Show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$20 for adults.

**3.5**

Eaten Alive. Tillman Auditorium. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Free.

CLEMSONLIVE presents Murder Mystery. Harcombe Dining Hall. 6 p.m.

GO, DIEGO, GO! Live: The Great Jaguar Rescue. Littlejohn Coliseum. Show at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$20.

WSBF presents Fairground Avenue on Live Sessions. 7 p.m. on 88.1FM.

**3.6**

CU Woman's Club: "A Little Music, A Little Math." Kresge Hall, Outdoor Laboratory. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$14.

**3.7**

WSBF 50th Anniversary Featuring Tony Tidwell, King Tut, Ahleuchatistas, at 7pm in the Hendrix Ballroom (2nd floor) Free!

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## The Bravery rocks Atlanta

The historic Roxy Theatre takes on the sound of today.

**GREG BLANTON**  
STAFF WRITER

From the outside, it looks old, worn, dilapidated even. Paint peels off the walls on one side and a line of rock 'n' roll-looking youths stretches from its dark front entrance down around a narrow alley on the opposite side. Cigarette smoke and breath clouds Atlanta's February air.

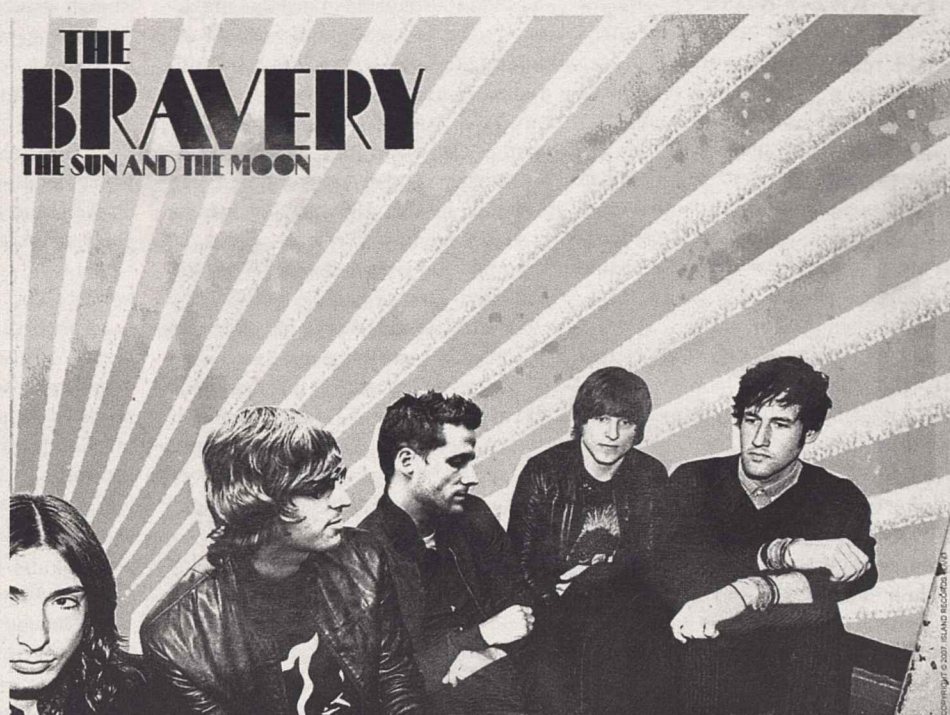
From the inside it looks even worse. Crossing the threshold, a scent of oldness welcomes. Not a disgusting scent, no. A scent that says, "I am old, but there is history here." And history there is. You enter a cramped, rectangular area that serves as the main (and only) hallway and entrance area. A doorway out of this hallway leads into a small, cramped room (everything seems small and cramped in this place). But what this room lacks in spaciousness, it more than compensates for in

history.

The Roxy in Atlanta has staged some of the greatest live acts of all time. On the walls of this room are guitars signed by Lynyrd Skynyrd, plaques with written notes from Billy Idol and Denis Leary and so much more — all of these legendary names, these great artists, these timeless songs.

It makes it that much more impressive that on Feb. 9, The Bravery took to play a stage that all those artists before them played decades earlier. It wasn't much of a stage, really, which made the place that much more authentic. It used to be a theater. There used to be comfortable chairs, a proper floor, someone who cared about how the place looked. But now there's a bare hall, a bare stage, and hundreds of energized youths anxious for this generation's torch-bearers to take the stage.

But not so fast. The Bravery will have to wait. For now, at



least. There is an opening band. Or bands? Nobody was quite sure how many groups were supposed to perform before The Bravery, but nobody quite cared either. Because, you see, a strange thing happened; the opening bands were awesome, a rare and gratifying occurrence at a rock 'n' roll show.

The first group, Your Vegas, hailing from England, warmed up the crowd with some sensational rock that seemed to consume both time and space. The music was tight, and it moved effortlessly from hard-rocking Jet-esque grooves to spacey U2-like guitar patterns. Your Vegas had the audience moving, happy and unsure of which turn their music would take next, successfully capturing a rock band's greatest tool — mystery.

The second group, simply titled Switches, didn't quite have the talent of mystery of its predecessor. However, what

the quintet lacked in subtlety it more than compensated for in brute power. Also from the U.K., Switches travelled overseas and absolutely devastated the ear drums of these Atlanta spectators. The songs were not complex, they were not expansive like Your Vegas' tunes. They were short, they were to the point, and they were full of power and fury. All of this force was delivered with a quintessential British flair and attitude, a combination that completely mesmerized the captive audience.

At last it was The Bravery who took the stage. Because the opening bands were so amazing, it seemed almost impossible for the New York quintet to stand out. But how can anyone ever doubt native New Yorkers?

It was obviously impossible for The Bravery to match the sheer power of Switches or the pop appeal of Your Vegas, so front man Sam Endicott

attacked the audience not with power or pop, no, but with his mood. Yes, with his brilliant, pissed-off-all-the-time, borderline schizophrenic, wild-eyes mood. The group opened with the brooding and depressing "Split Me Wide Open" and cast its moody spell over the audience at once.

Once the ominous opening tune came to a close, thus came to a beginning the group's trademark half-dance, half-punk rock and rollers. With powerful, pulsing drums, a pulsating bass, riffing guitars and Endicott's moody lyrics sung in his distinctive pained voice, The Bravery performed their dance/punk/emo like a can of fury had just been unleashed upon the audience.

Although this concert was neither legendary nor featured any famous groups on its bill, it was one that lived up to the storied history of Atlanta's Roxy Theatre.

## Brooks hosts Cherryholmes

Family bluegrass band livens up the stage with music.



**ADAM CRISWELL**  
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts saw Grammy-nominated performers breathe some fire into the normally formal and stuffy venue. Covered in glittery rhinestones and laying down some smoking fast banjo, fiddle, mandolin and guitar licks was Cherryholmes, one of the hottest bluegrass bands touring today.

Consisting of a father, mother, two sons and two daughters, the family band looked no further than their last name when deciding on a handle for their musical collaboration. Jere Cherryholmes, the father, bass player,

and emcee of the group, who sports a long white beard reminiscent of ZZ Top, quoted his grandfather on stage saying, "Yes, we are the Cherryholmes family. No one is named Cherry, and no one is named Holmes. There's no hyphen, nothin'! Just Cherryholmes."

After three albums released non-commercially, the band finally decided to jump on the Skaggs Family Records label for their two latest recordings. Again, choosing their family name as a sufficient title, the two albums are designated Cherryholmes I and II. Jere claims a lack of creativity as the source for the CD names, but is hopeful to follow suit with Chicago and reach Cherryholmes 18 by the time they hang up their instru-

ments.

The success of these releases has been astounding. After the first album, Cherryholmes was named the International Bluegrass Music Association Entertainers of the Year, and both CDs were Grammy nominated for Best Bluegrass Album. Cia Cherryholmes, the band's banjo player, received personal recognition with IBMA nominations for female vocalist of the year and banjo player of the year. She also contributed on the album that did take home this year's Grammy. Coming into her own as a songwriter, Cia has also written a number of original songs for the band with four on the most recent release. Many of the instrumentals were also written by the youngest son, B.J., as Jere quipped that the Neanderthal men in the family had a hard time writing songs with words.

The most amazing aspect of Cherryholmes is the stunning instrumental ability that seems to be common to every member. If there is a bluegrass gene, this family must have received multiple copies apiece. The sons and daughters, with ages ranging from 15 to 23, all picked up their respective instruments for the first time in 1999. Astonishingly, by the year 2001, they had finished recording their first album as a family. The parents Jere and Sandy both had a strong background in music but really only taught the basics of each instrument to their children. Cia claims

that she and all her siblings were completely self-taught, citing dedicated hard work for all the success. After hearing B.J. and the 15-year-old Molly Kate tearing up the fiddle, youngest brother Skip laying down some hot guitar runs, and the eldest Cia providing incredible drive on her 5-string, it might be safe to say that there was something in the water where this group grew up that would be worth bottling up and selling at bluegrass festivals.

The entire family currently tours on a bus together, and when asked if this close proximity breeds any sibling rivalries over the microphones on stage, Cia replied, "We get asked that a lot. There is competition; you want to be able to play faster than the other person or learn your new break before somebody else, but we all encourage each other to do the best we can. Sometimes we'll start a song and someone will say, 'no, I can't play that fast,' but we always will push each other and say 'yeah, you can do it!' Nobody wants to see anyone else fall on their face."

Cia, who lists Katherine McPhee, NSYNC, Maroon 5 and a bluegrass band called The Isaacs as the artists of the four CDs that currently fill the disc changer in her car, claims the younger members of the band try to add some pop influences to the creative process. That may be, but this group doesn't stray too far from the

see **BROOKS** page D6



# ON THE PROWL

by MeMe Cummings

I recently had my first hook-up with a bad boy, as I somehow missed out on that particular form of rebellion in high school. Probably because I value intelligence, gender equality and a reasonable amount of good intentions, I always have brought home nice guys. You know who I'm talking about — they're versatile in conversation, caring and somewhere between a three-toed sloth and a neo-con on the ambition scale. In short, they're an investment for the long-haul, especially if they have some creative idiosyncrasies.

On the other hand, bad boys represent being in the moment. Their confident swagger, exaggerated opinions and tattoos all scream "I'm here, right now, what-cha gonna do?" It's a rubber-band pop on the ass that raises your eyes from your steady, shuffling feet. Any ambitious woman is totally up for the challenge.

Of course, we don't want to reinforce the idea that women get hot around jerks. A worthy bad boy is not an abusive or no-talent ass clown. He has a passion for something, be it economics, the environment or music (cocaine and

Pop-Tarts don't count). He breaks the rules in a playful spirit, but is not mean or degrading to others. He's not a disappointment in bed either, as that would definitely diminish his street cred.

The real downfall to hooking up with a potential rascal is that you can't really complain if he doesn't call you for brunch the next weekend. What are you going to do — use the dirt to damage his reputation? Oh wait, non-commitment is his reputation. At the same time, some of these guys front a casual persona, but they really care and want to get to know you better. Just don't cross your fingers, and pay attention to the cues he gives you in daylight rather than focusing on what he says when his hand is on your ass.

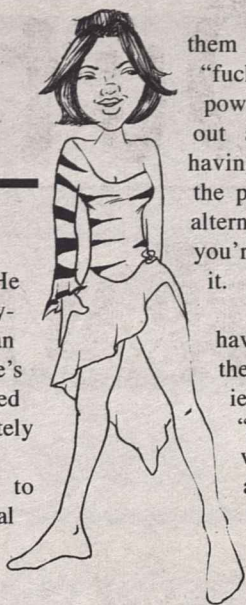
Of course, the Santa Claus method of dividing people into naughty or nice does not match reality. For example, nice guys are completely under-rated when people label what is alternative. They can be extremely radical in their philosophical or political views, but since they don't dress

them up with a scowling "fuck [insert institution of power]," they don't stick out as much. Seriously, having radical views on the prison system is more alternative than acting like you're going to end up in it.

However, nice guys have one big mark against them. All of my hickies have come from the "sweetest" guys in the world (one gave me a giant splotch right between the boobs on a family beach vacation), but the guy wearing all black kissed and bit my neck in a totally hot, non-capillary-busting fashion. That's sexy.

So, in my limited experience, the bad/cynical and good/romantic images people try to cultivate do not indicate the true depth of a person.

After all, how would you classify a perfect gentleman who likes to talk dirty and have sex hanging out of windows at 3 a.m.? What about a chain-smoking anarchist who strokes your hair and spoons you in bed? Foreplay and sex usually show a person's unexpected side, one that does not trump the sunlight version but can enhance it. For me, the hottest thing in the world is finding out someone is complex.



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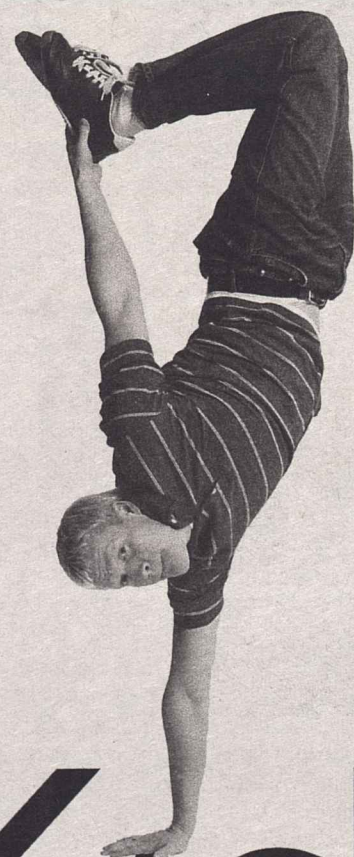
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### "Semi-Pro"

Feb. 29

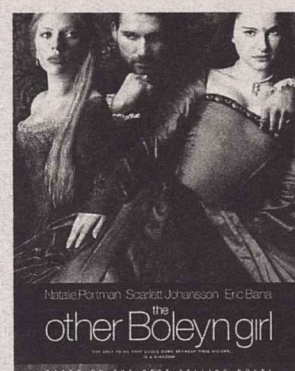
Will Ferrell strikes again! After satirizing news anchors ("Anchorman"), NASCAR ("Talladega Nights") and figure skaters ("Blades of Glory"), it is now time for Ferrell's take on professional basketball in "Semi-Pro." While Ferrell's first three satires were blockbusters jam-packed with laughs, "Semi-Pro" looks to be the funniest yet. Supporting Ferrell are Woody Harrelson, OutKast's André Benjamin and Will Arnett who also appeared in "Blades of Glory."



### "The Other Boleyn Girl"

Feb. 29

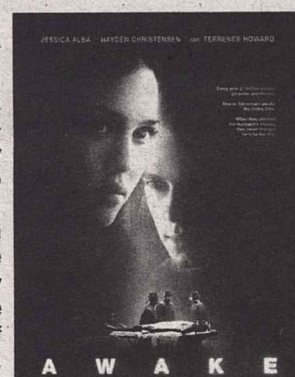
Based on the best-selling novel by Philippa Gregory, "The Other Boleyn Girl" is an engrossing drama set in 19th century England. Two sisters, Anne (Natalie Portman) and Mary (Scarlett Johansson) Boleyn vie for the affection of King Henry of England (Eric Bana) under their father's direction to advance their family's power. Anne, clever and conniving, strives to become Queen of England, while Mary truly feels for Henry. This star-studded cast looks to make "The Other Boleyn Girl" a blockbuster hit.



### "Awake"

March 4

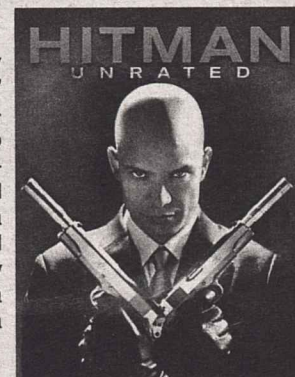
"Awake," starring our favorite Star Wars Jedi, Hayden Christensen, is a pseudo-horror psychological thriller. Christensen plays Clay Beresford, a young, wealthy bachelor set to undergo a heart transplant to save his life. The operation goes wrong, however, when he and his wife Sam (Jessica Alba) become tangled in a vengeful plot. This is not exactly a movie worth seeing more than once. Once you see the ending, watching the first part of the movie becomes a waste of time. Plus, the drama and horror does not make for light viewing.



### "Hitman"

March 11

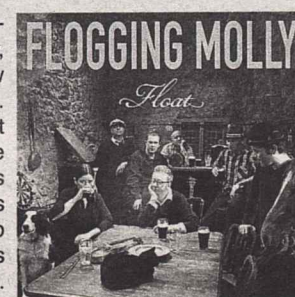
Starring Timothy Olyphant, "Hitman" is the film interpretation of the video game of the same name. The movie is well-acted, featuring solid special effects and dazzling action and stunts. Olyphant is a bona fide leading man with good looks and a chiseled physique. Not to mention his sexy Russian sidekick. "Hitman" would not be a bad DVD to have laying around, providing a good thrill whenever you're in the mood.



### "Float"

March 4

L.A. punk-rock outfit, Flogging Molly, is releasing a new record this March 4. This will be their first proper studio record since 2004's "Within A Mile of Home." Molly's brand of punk has always been an original one; their sonic attack is as much punk as it is traditional Celtic. The group fuses these two very different musical pastures into one rip-roaring and entertaining landscape. Watch out y'all — Flogging Molly is bringing their new album and their storied live performance around these parts in March.



### "Warpaint"

March 4

The Black Crowes, the legendary rock band from Georgia is releasing "Warpaint," the group's first studio album in seven years. The group needs no introduction, for if you do not know their hit single, "Hard to Handle," you don't know rock 'n' roll. "Warpaint" is a very bluesy direction for the typically roots-based band. The new record should thrust the Crowes back into the forefront of rock as long as brothers Chris and Rich Robinson can keep their tumultuous relationship from derailing the group.

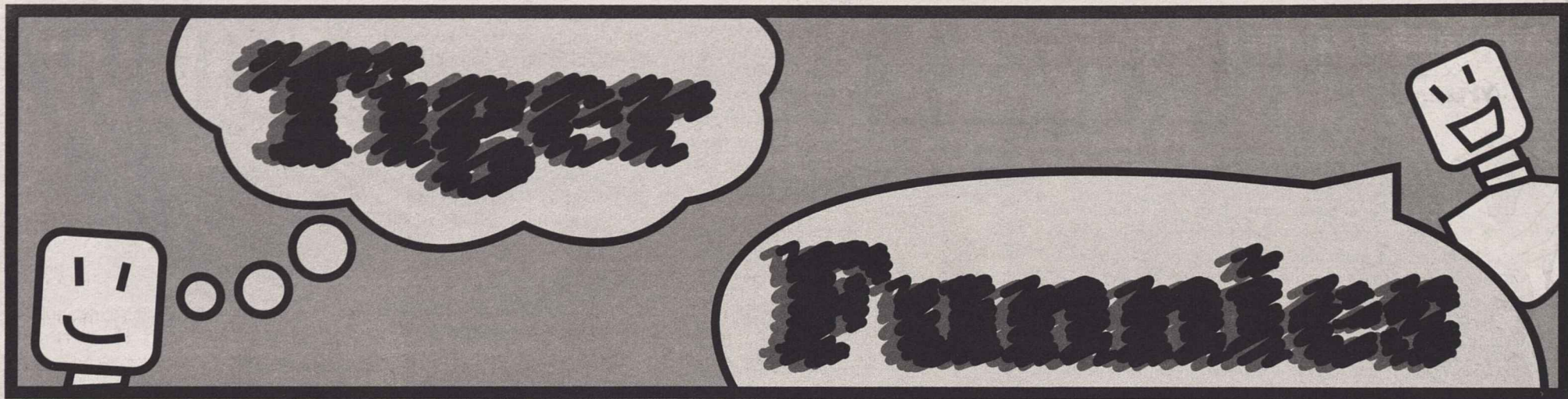


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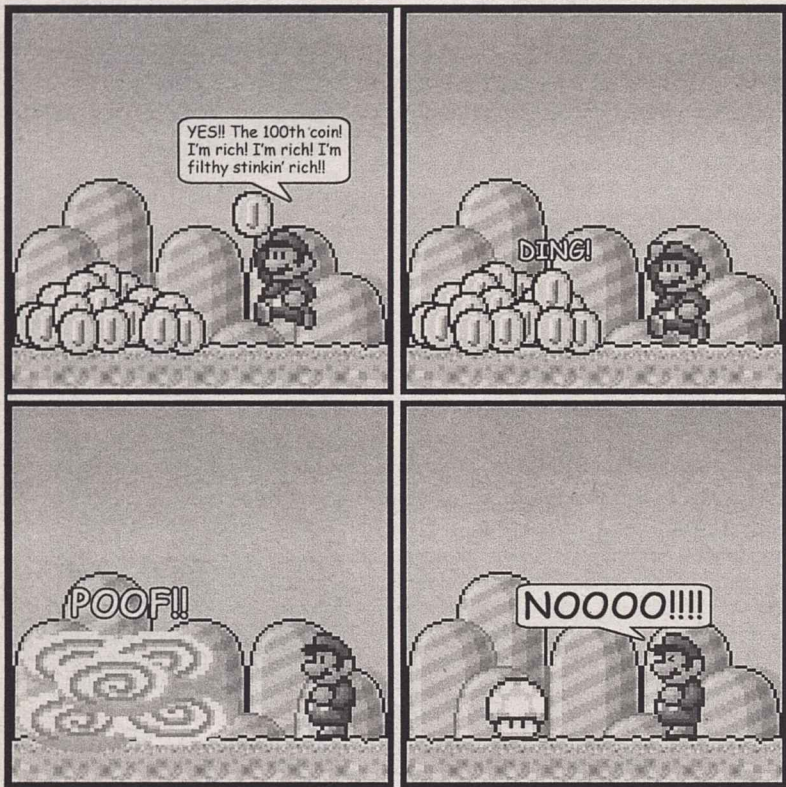
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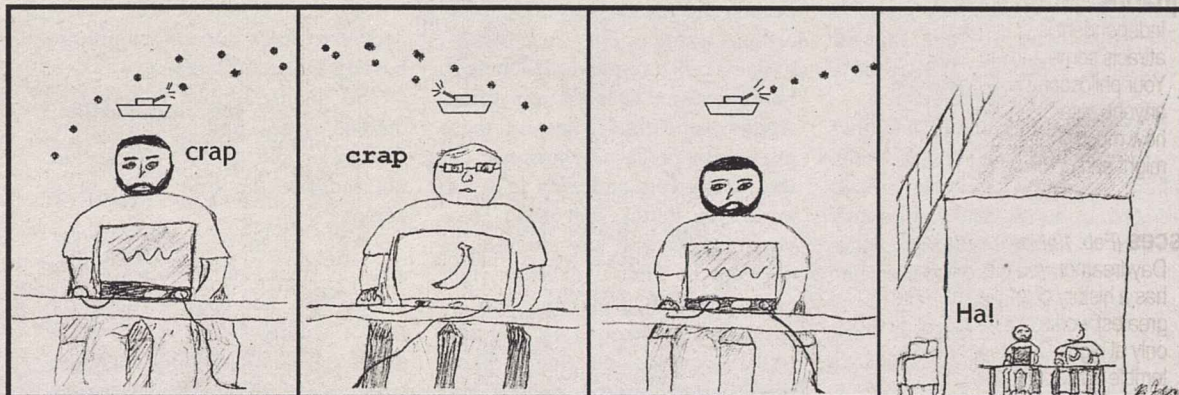
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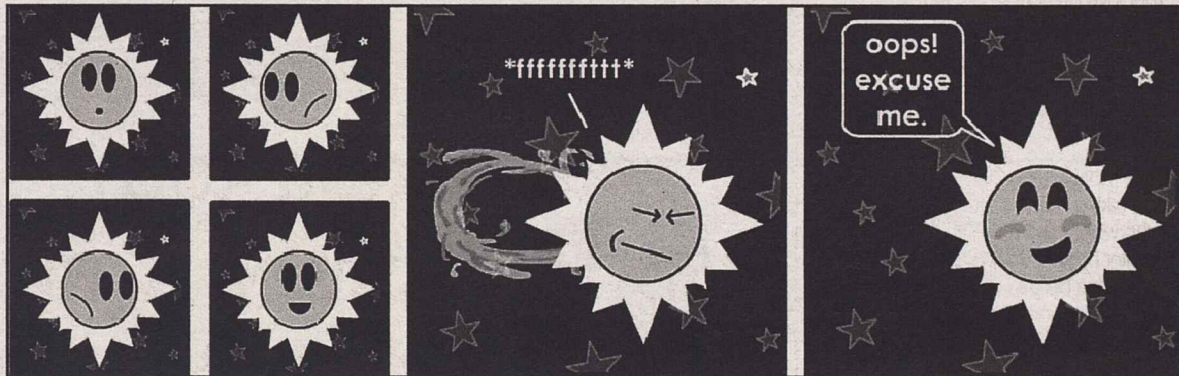
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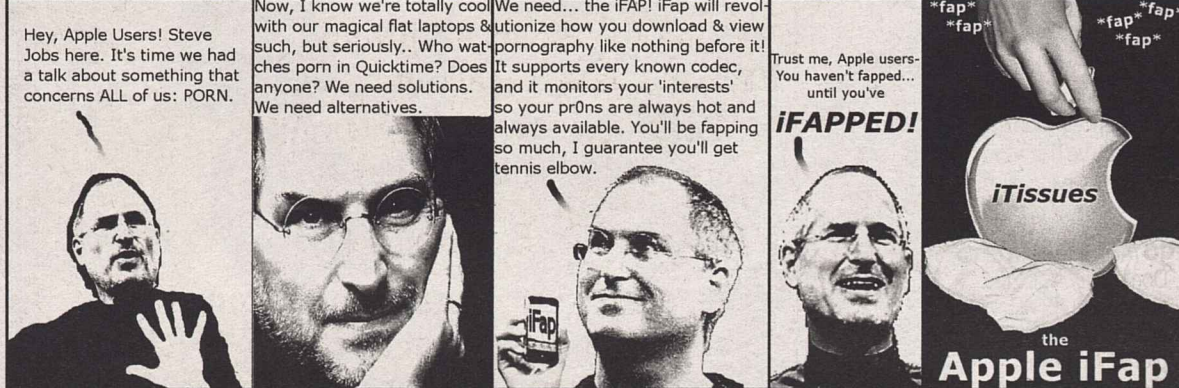
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- 69 Strong cord
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- 75 Feat
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- 77 Formal "you"

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Solutions on D5



## Horoscopes

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### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Independent is your motto, which attracts some and intimidates others. Your philosophy is, "I don't need anyone else." Very true; just be wary how much you use that phrase, you might end up friendless.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Daydreamer, you are. Although this has a history of leading to some of the greatest works of art, learn to dream only at night. Daydreamers cause terrible traffic accidents.

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your love life is looking good, especially considering your attraction to other hopeless drunks. Don't be afraid to make a move or to make a total fool of yourself, for that matter.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Quit taking yourself too seriously. Otherwise, you'll be considered a dictator by your friends, and no one likes being bossed around. They'll know that you've truly lost it when your patience has jumped ship and sailed to Jamaica.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

We all know that you love nothing more than yourself. Congrats on being the most narcissistic person. Piece of advice for you. Get rid of all of your mirrors.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You are to wander from one muddle of elusive happiness to another, spending money on one last pack of cigarettes or one last Big Mac. Spend your money cautiously or it will end up invested in nothing but deodorant and grease companies.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Although you constantly find yourself in the face of a grand adventure, you know that no one will believe you when you tell of it. You better start writing down your stories and experiences soon so they can be read after you've been committed and are forced to wear a straight jacket.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Don't worry. Your soul mate is out there somewhere, but not on eHarmony so delete that dating profile pronto. No one is attracted to anyone titled "Seeking First Love."

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Although you spend all of your time saving the rainforest, be cautious. John Lennon was just like you, and he was killed for being a dreamer.

### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Don't shop online because you won't be able to get half the bargains. Charm can't be transmitted through the Internet.

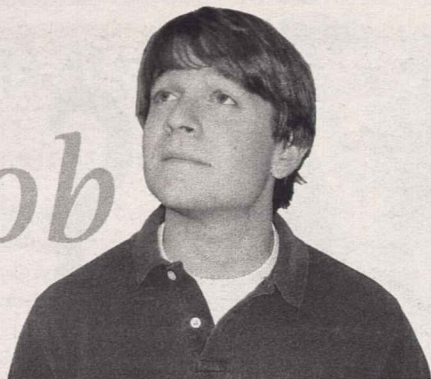
### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Patience is a virtue, but quit trying to overdo it before you rack your brain and end up with dementia.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

People bother you. But people bother everyone so unless you want to end up a virgin until you're 40, start allowing those people to bother you.

## Film Snob



Well, the results are in, and you have probably moved on or didn't care in the first place. But this year's Oscars have been the best selection of movies by the Academy in a while.

CHRIS JAYNES

STAFF WRITER

They are the perfect blend of cinematic brilliance and commercial viability.

I've harped on the Oscars before, and this year A.O. Scott of the New York Times decided to as well, but once again, why are we bestowing unnecessary laurels to movies that are still nascent when compared to other films? How old is the youngest Nobel Prize winner? There is a reason that "Casablanca" has constantly been at the top of best film lists.

If you watched the tribute montages closely during this year's Oscars, or actually listened to the

long acceptance speech of 98-year-old Robert Boyle, the winner of the Honorary Oscar for his work as an Artistic Designer, you might have noticed that Alfred Hitchcock had a good night as well. Hitchcock is a tried and true test of a quality movie, not this year's whim.

Talking about Hitchcock, the local pub is the most fitting location and normally resonates around several of his more popular films, like "Psycho," "Birds" and sometimes "North by Northwest." I've never had a conversation, except with the truly devoted, about any of his other 30 American films or his (roughly) 27 British films. There are other films out there besides the most iconic ones, and they are just as good, maybe better.

"North by Northwest" is one of Hitchcock's more visually thrilling, not just suspenseful, films. Roger Thornhill, the striking Cary Grant, is misidentified as a spy and has

to flee real spies in a cross-country chase to clear his name. The journey has some of Hitchcock's most iconic scenes, besides some in "Psycho," though you don't need a stage the size of America to make a movie interesting, though it helps. Hitchcock has three films where he doesn't leave a fixed space, which allows acting and the script to shine.

Hitchcock's first film in color was "Rope." The camera never leaves the three-room apartment and makes very few cuts. There is never a problem for boredom. John Dall and Farley Granger try to see if they can commit a murder and pass it over on their once-mentor played by Jimmy Stewart.

The body is hidden in an oak chest in the living room where the dinner party is hosted. The careful dance of actors moving close to and away from the chest is enough to make you sweat. "For the love of 'It's a Wonderful Life,' open the chest!"

On the similar theme of murder, Hitchcock's 1954 film "Dial M for Murder" is shot in a double room apartment but makes two or three digressions from the main pad, not for long though. Fittingly, "Dial M for Murder" is adapted from the stage play of the same name. Ray Milland plays tennis player Tony, who wants to kill his gorgeous wife Margot played by the stunningly

beautiful Grace Kelly. Hitchcock explores his obsession of trying to plan the perfect murder. No one is ever successful, but every film has that moment where you think that someone can finally do it, which is a hard thing to accomplish in the CSI-find-everything-through-DNA society of today.

Finally, the film adapted from a John Steinbeck story "Lifeboat," which was nominated for three Oscar categories.

"Lifeboat," if the title didn't give it away, takes place entirely on a lifeboat full of British and American citizens after a U-boat sinks their ship.

The Hitchcock twist is the Nazi U-Boat captain is also on board the ship. The characters' personalities really shine, and it becomes a film about poker faces. Is the Nazi really bad?

For a much needed counterpoint to today's heavily cut films that rely on special effects and exotic locales to entertain, try these three Hitchcock films that simply let great actors act and the story develop.

These films have nothing to hide behind but still have to entertain you. You might find yourself questioning why you saw "Transformers" three times.

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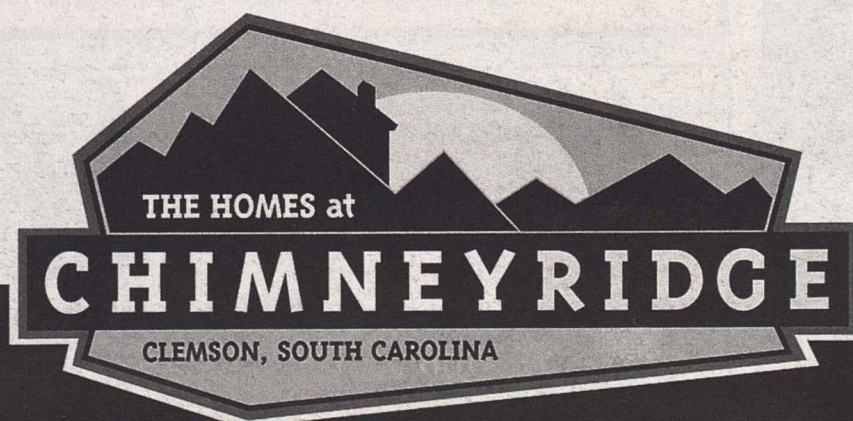
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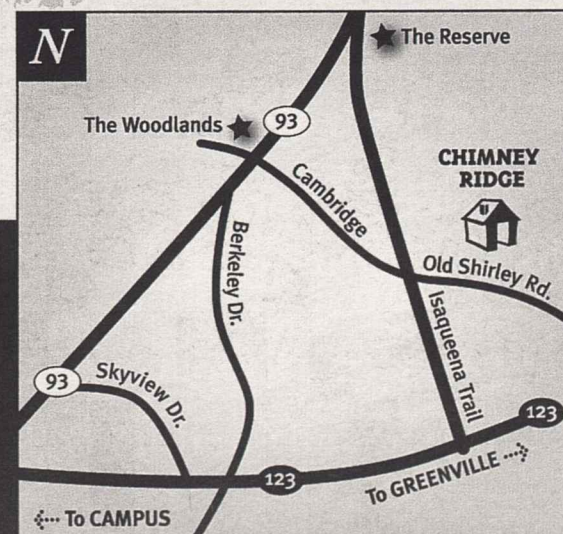
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- ½ tablespoon Good Seasons Italian dressing mix

Bring a large pot of water to a boil; add corn.

Boil corn five minutes; drain.

In a small microwavable bowl, combine remaining ingredients; microwave 45 seconds.

Drizzle mixture over corn evenly.

## Solutions from D3

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# ASK A PANTHER

Dear Panther,  
I've got a hot date for Friday night and I really want to impress her. What do you think I should wear?

Well, I like to hide my seven-foot-long body by attempting to look like a large house cat. It frightens some, but it drives the ladies wild. Meoww!

Dear Panther,  
I'm thinking about becoming a vegan. My taste buds just aren't satisfied anymore. What do you think?

I try to keep to a strict diet of graveyard shift Clemson Security guards, and it seems to work for me. Maybe you should try a completely carnivorous diet first.

Dear Panther,  
Do you use the gravel pit as a giant litter box?

Nope, someone has to fertilize Bowman Field.

Dear Panther,  
I'm trying to find somewhere to live. Should I live on-campus or off-campus?

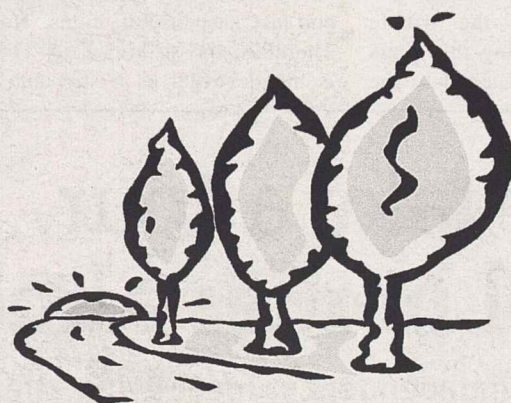
I personally find on-campus housing more comfortable. I can roam around the campus at night or on the holidays and still be within proximity of food.

Dear Panther,  
What kind of feminine feline is best?

I prefer the leopard ladies, but I love all females. However, a word of caution — the cheetahs are cheaters.

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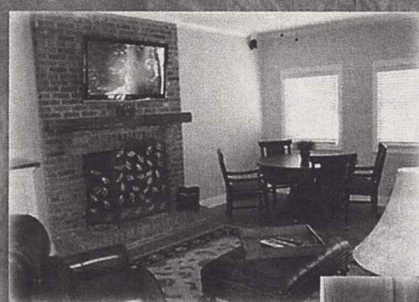
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bluegrass roots set down by Bill Monroe, Ralph Stanley, and Flatt and Scruggs with their latest two albums. A strong Celtic thread can also be detected in the Cherryholmes' music as the parents were apparently well versed in this genre previous to their dive into the world of bluegrass. The gold and silver rhinestone-covered outfits are representative of the band's strong devotion to classic country as Skip reminds the audience of a young Hank Williams with his tall, slim stature. A number filled with clogging and clawhammer banjo playing by Sandy suggests their love of old-time, Appalachian mountain music as well.

It didn't take long for the group to loosen up a crowd used to symphonies, plays and choral ensembles. One hot fiddle solo from the youngest daughter, Molly, led to some yelps and hollers throughout the crowd that caught on like wildfire for the rest of the show. Jere kept the audience entertained with one-liners and funny tales from the road as the rest band tuned between songs. Making sure to get in a plug for all of their instrument,

string and electronics sponsors, he also recommended that the crowd pick up a can of Vietti chili with their picture on it if they were ever in Tennessee.

"That is the pinnacle of achievement for every bluegrass band," he said. "To get your picture on a can of chili." Sandy, upon being asked why her song entitled "My True Love" didn't seem to be about her husband Jere, replied that it was too difficult to find any words that rhymed with "bald" or "long beard." After playing a great set full of titles from their latest albums, bluegrass standards and even some unreleased material, Cherryholmes closed the night with the blistering "Orange Blossom Special" as the fiddle players were able to show off one last time for the transformed, rowdy crowd.

After playing a few shows in the area over the past week or so, Cherryholmes will be moving their tour to the Northeast, to the admitted dismay of Jere and the rest of the Southern-based band. Look for the release of Cherryholmes III over the next year, and if you missed last Tuesday's show, make sure to keep an eye out for their return to the South.

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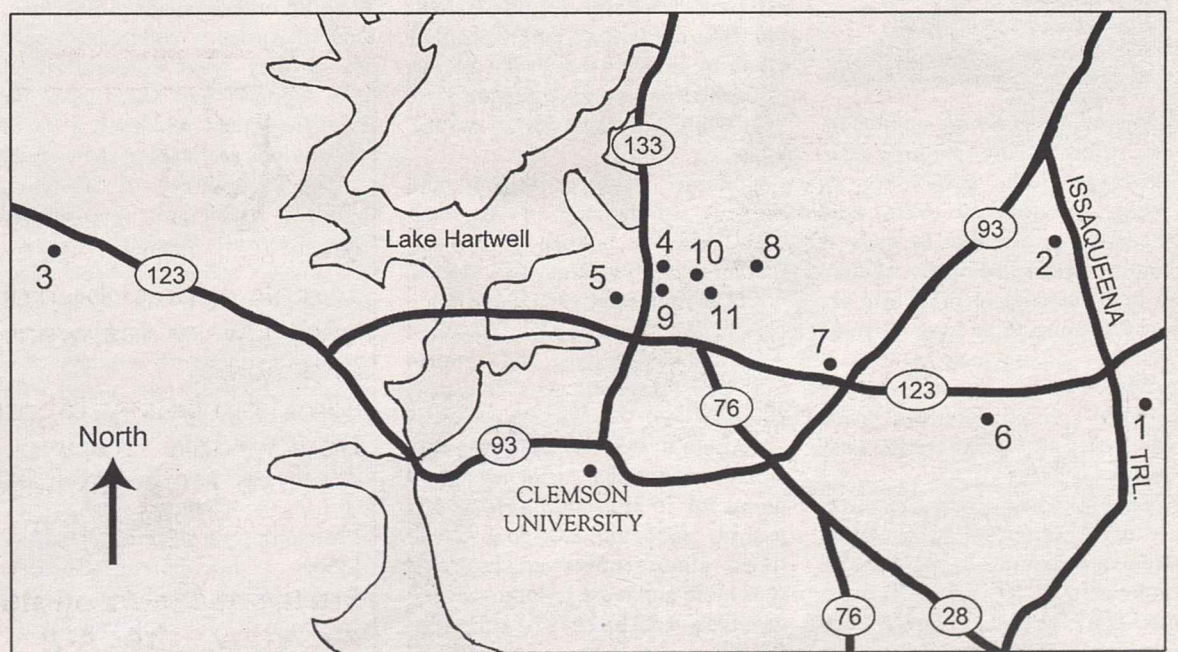
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All seats are always \$2.  
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## THE TOP 5 THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN MARCH

BY ANNE SWIFT

**The midpoint of the semester.** With January and February behind us, and March and April awaiting us, summer is that much closer. Though we still have the anxiety of last tests, the stress of final exams and the constant temptation to skip class, at least we know we're already halfway to the end.

**The weather.** Say goodbye to scarves and jackets and say hello to Rainbows and T-shirts! Though it's not yet time to break out shorts and tank tops, the month of March brings the prelude to the hot summer weather which awaits us around.

**March Madness.** This may not appeal to all audiences, but there's certainly great hype built up around this basketball betting pool. Whether you're in it for the money, the entertainment or the sport itself, it's certainly characteristic of the month of March.

**The end of the writers' strike.** Some of the television shows we have been deprived of may not come out until April, while some have already begun to air new episodes. Either way, the month of March in 2008 will be cherished forever as the rebirth of television.

**Spring break.** Inevitably, we are all anxiously anticipating the month of March for the sole reason of break. Whether you're headed off on a Caribbean Cruise, or just returning home for some much needed R&R, spring break could not come soon enough. We can finally put our studies, our trips to the library, and our procrastination on pause for a week. Without the month of March, none of this would be possible.



## CTV brings movies to campus

New contract allows students living on campus to watch newly released movies.

ASHLEY CRISP  
TIMEOUT EDITOR

Students on campus now can catch the latest movies on Channel 99 from the comfort of their dorm room. Clemson Television (CTV) signed a contract that brings up to 18 movies a month to residents.

The contract was signed with a branch of Swank Motion Pictures called Residential Life Cinema. As the name suggests, Residential Life Cinema caters to the academic setting of a college campus. CTV used this company in past years as well. Originally the contract was allotted to provide 48 movies over four months. Due to delays, movies did not run until Feb. 9.

In order to make up for lost time, the station has been playing more movies. Current movies include "Superbad," "The Holiday," "1408" and "Transformers." The plan is to continue with 18 movies through March and April. Movies will be chosen by Clemson students, most likely through surveys.

CTV partnered with Residential Hall Association (RHA) to bring this program to students. RHA is providing 50 percent of the necessary fund-

ing for the contract.

The other 50 percent is provided by Undergraduate Student Government.

Undergraduate Student Government provides funding to the "Big 8." The Big 8 includes Central Spirit, CLEMSONLIVE, Tiger Paw Productions, Club Sports, University Union, Greek Life, Leadership Council and Student Media Advisory Board. CTV falls under the category of Student Media Advisory Board. The Undergraduate Student Government uses student fees to provide funding for these eight organizations. However, there are no additional charges for those living on campus.

While currently running only contracted movies, CTV soon hopes to add student-produced shows to the schedule. Shows currently in planning are "Orange Alert" (a news show), "You Know Clemson" (a show documenting Clemson) and "Green-Blooded TV" (a comedy/variety show). Additional short content will be used to fill time until a regular schedule of shows is prepared.

With its newfound growth, CTV is seeking additional staff. The station only has nine members thus

far. "We've got room everything from producers and board members, to technical staff and actors," said Patrick Moore, General Manager. "We are also open to accepting scripts or ideas, though their production relies on getting the resources together."

While the contract runs only through this semester, CTV plans to renew the contract in Fall 2008. However, it will depend on future funding from Undergraduate Student Government. A budget request process is under way and the results will be announced in approximately a month.

Despite funding from Undergraduate Student Government and RHA, CTV plans to one day become a self-sustaining station through advertisements. The station is open to running student advertisements and announcements but a lack of publicity and interest has hindered this process. The current goal of CTV is to make advertising economical for students and outside businesses.

"CTV can be an amazingly fun place to work, for all types of people. We just need a little time to get people interested in being part of what we do," said Patrick Moore, General Manager.



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Microsoft's days are numbered. Now, before saying anything else, I don't mean the corporation as a whole, or even all of its core businesses. I mean that its days as operating system company numero uno in 99 percent of the world are shortly coming to an end. In some ways, they already have.

There was a time not so long ago when going to Microsoft made sense. After all, they were the only game in town.

From 1995 onwards, there was only one real choice of operating system, and that just happened to be Windows in all its various incarnations. OS/2 was pretty much dead in the water, and Apple's Macintosh

wasn't anywhere near compatible with just about anything.

Internet Explorer ruled the roost; every Web page in the world was designed for it. Finance meant Microsoft Money, database meant SQL Server coupled with Windows NT and PC gaming meant Microsoft Games.

These days things are a little different. Windows is dying a slow, painful, drawn-out death, helped along by the fact that every release is borderline unusable for the first year while Microsoft works out the bugs.

Internet Explorer, though still used by the majority of Windows users, has lost a huge part of its market share to Firefox. MS Money has been replaced by Quicken, database has gone open-source to Linux/Apache and MySQL, and companies like Electronic Arts dominate gaming.

Apple's OS X (newest version: Leopard) has a lot of things going for it. It's far lower priced, has no annoying anti-piracy features, almost never crashes and runs more and more programs every day that used to be written solely for Windows. Its user interface is

brilliantly designed and far more functional than Windows' and its support for third-party devices is fast increasing. It's also cheap: A full version costs about half what Windows does.

And then there's Linux. It and all its derivatives are free, stable and frequently updated. Like OS X, they're becoming more compatible with other systems all the time. Since the price is right (users only pay if they want corporate-level tech support) and they have far fewer bugs than Windows, a lot of corporations are making the switch.

The governments of Shanghai, Peru and Brazil are all switching from Microsoft Windows to Linux. Home users have also been making the switch: A lot of bargain basement PCs are such because they don't come with Windows pre-installed. Instead, they come with a fully functional and free version of Linux.

In the past few years, Microsoft has had the chance to take back its monopoly on desktop operating systems. It has failed miserably. Windows Vista, its newest release, is so buggy it often will crash within minutes of startup and is such a

resource hog that even computers advertised as "Vista capable" slow to a standstill when more than a few programs are run simultaneously. Read e-mail AND listen to music at the same time? Not a chance.

Windows Vista is so terrible that computer manufacturers have actually had to provide an option for buyers of new systems to "downgrade" to Windows XP (released originally in 2001 and now nearing the end of its service life).

And then there's the question of price: Vista comes in about eight different varieties, and the only ones with new features (that might actually justify the upgrade) cost upwards of \$400 on release. In recent months Microsoft has dropped Vista's price (because no one was buying it otherwise) to around \$220.

Still, no one's buying, because a full copy of Apple's OS X costs about \$110 and Linux is, well, still free. It seems a lot of people I know who run Vista do so because they're given no other choice. And they complain. Because Vista just doesn't work.

Besides performance and price, another area where Microsoft basically fails is security: more than

95 percent of all modern computer viruses are written for Windows. There are two reasons for this: ubiquity and vulnerability.

It's incredibly easy to write exploitative code for Windows, and since Windows is common that's what all crackers do.

This is why a Windows user needs to run a firewall, an anti-virus program and several anti-spyware programs. And they still get infected! Internet Explorer's security, even in the newest version, is even more of a joke — there are more than five holes in IE for every one in Firefox.

The bottom line is that Microsoft's days as king of desktop operating systems are numbered because their products are overpriced and inferior.

Why pay for something less secure, less efficient and less usable when the better alternative is either cheap or free? The answer is inertia. MS has been in control for so long this very fact is keeping them in power.

Soon enough this will change, and the entire industry will feel the effects. Be careful, Bill — your next computer might just be a Mac.



# '90s FLASHBACK

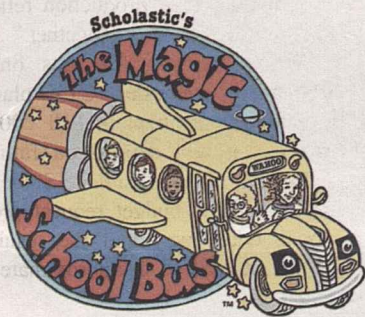
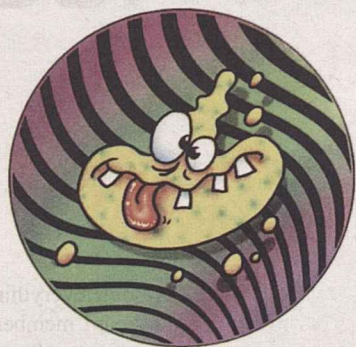
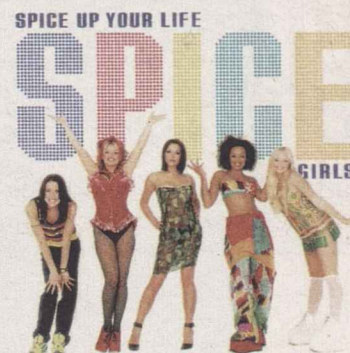
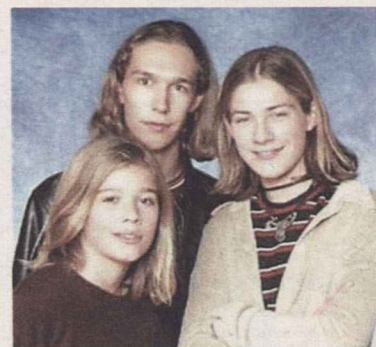
Oh, the '90s! A decade of middle school crushes, jellies, roller rinks and "Dawson's Creek." What little girl didn't have a crush on at least one of the Backstreet Boys or the \*NSYNC-ers and doodled Mrs. Nick Carter all over her Lisa Frank notebooks? Most of us were stuck in the horrid world of middle school where boys had cooties and yet we still passed love notes with "check yes or no." It was an era when the new Beanie Babies were always sold out and Buffy constantly managed to save the world. The nostalgia is slightly overwhelming. Back when Britney Spears was still innocent and every single beauty pageant contestant sang either "Whole New World" or "My Heart Will Go

By Corrina Miller

On." Science classrooms everywhere played "Bill Nye the Science Guy" in an attempt to make learning fun, and parents tried in vain to keep their kids from following the obsession of "Beavis and Butthead." The many, many Web sites that began popping up containing angry teenage angst poetry (you know you had one!) and the hours and hours spent playing the Oregon Trail, trying to survive bouts of typhoid and everyone's favorite method of hunting; spin around in a circle and hold down the space bar to shoot. Below is a somewhat lengthy but by no means complete list of "Do You Remember's" from the '90s. Have a fun trip down memory lane!

## Do you remember?

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|---|---|--|---|
| Fran the Nanny  | "Circle Circle dot dot..."  | Skating rink                             | "Titanic"   |
| Claire's  | Macarena  | Slap bracelet                            | Backstreet Boys                                   |
| Three-way calling   | "The Lion King"   | Keds                                     | Oklahoma City                                     |
| The Internet  | "Then why don't you marry it!"  | Celine Dion                              | "Genie in A Bottle" - Christina Aguilera          |
| "Beverly Hills 90210"   | "Sandlot"   | "Goosebumps"                             | THE Kiss in "Cruel Intentions"                    |
| "Daria"   | "Free Willy"  | "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"               | Clueless! Whatever!                               |
| Pokémon   | "Home Alone"  | "Chip 'n' Dale's Rescue Rangers"         | "Chicken Soup" Books                              |
| Chuck E. Cheese   | "I've fallen and I can't get up"  | "Power Rangers"                          | Hello Kitty                                       |
| "Talk to the hand!"   | TGIF  | The Cranberries                          | New Kids on the Block                             |
| "Clarissa Explains it All"                                    | "Where in the world is Carmen San Diego?"   | Gummy bears                              | "Strangers With Candy"                            |
| "Legends of the Hidden Temple"                                | paper scrunchies to predict who you would end up marrying   | "Ghostwriter"                            | POGS  |
| Care Bears  | "Wax on, wax off"   | Are you afraid of the dark?              | "Secret World of Alex Mack"                       |
| "Ren and Stempy"  | Oregon Trail  | Cher                                     | "I did not have sexual relations with that woman" |
| "Xena" and "Hercules"   | MASH (as in the game, not the show)   | Glow and the dark stars                  | Dolly, the first cloned sheep                     |
| "Wishbone"  | "Transformers"  | Sticker books                            | "Rugrats"   |
| "Aladdin"   | "Mortal Combat"   | Sega Games                               | "Salute your Shirts"                              |
| "Tales from the Crypt"  | Gigapets/Tamagachi  | Sonic                                    | Fall of the Berlin Wall                           |
| R. Kelly's "I Believe I Can Fly"                              | "Now, this is a story all about how My life got flipped-turned upside down" - "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" | Yelton was elected                       | "Doug"  |
| "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus"                     | "Saved by the Bell"   | "I Will Always Love You" Whitney Houston | O.J. Simpson and the glove                        |
| "Concentrate, concentrate... feel the yolk running down" game | Smashmouth  | Super Mario Brothers                     | "American Girl"                                   |
| "I take thee Rachel" - "Friends"                              | "Full House"  | Tickle me Elmo                           | "Pretty Woman"                                    |
| You thought Brain would finally take over the world           | Hanson  | Cabbage Patch Kids                       | Spice Girls                                       |
| Slinkies!   | TLC - "Waterfall"   | Lisa Frank                               | "We were on a break!" - "Friends"                 |
| "Magic School Bus"  | Jellies   | Operation Desert Storm                   | Slap Bracelets                                    |
| Razor scooters  |   | Fortune Tellers                          | Bill Nye the Science Guy                          |
|   |   | My Little Pony                           |   |







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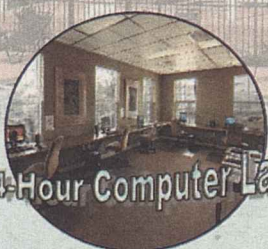
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